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I. ADDRESS.

1 Thess. 5, 11: *Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.*
Matth. 12, 30: *He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathereth not with me, scattereth abroad.*

In Christ Jesus Beloved Brethren in the Ministry and in the Faith!

As introductory to the work awaiting us at the sessions of Synod now pending, I beg leave to express a few thoughts on the priestly privileges the Lord our God has been pleased to vest us with, and which to exercise we have again come together. The words of Holy Scripture above cited are addressed, without reference to age or sex, to office or position, alike to every one that belongs to Christ and who would prove himself His disciple. In terms brief and concise, they tell us what we are to consider our common Christian calling; to wit: that we edify one another; and then, that every man of us gather with Christ. The ultimate object of this twofold duty is, the furtherance and the consummation of God's kingdom; the former aiming at its inner perfection, the latter at its expansion.

Edifying one another — Gathering with Christ: In these two activities we find comprehended the sum total of all the rights and all the duties that constitute the makeup of our common royal priesthood. At first sight, how very plain and how easy of understanding these words appear; and yet, in point of fact, how widely and deeply significant is the sense they convey, and how difficult their execution. Almost wholly ignored and contemned by the papacy, our own beloved Church has from its very beginning discerned and gladly recognized the priesthood common to all believers; and moreover, she has shunned neither labor nor pain to ascertain and fix what the Scriptures reach concerning it. According to the doctrine thus arrived at, we insist that it is the right and duty of every Christian without distinction: first of all that, in order to strengthen and promote the Christian life in mind and manner, he for himself and personally search the Scriptures, and to that end make free use of such books and periodicals as may be helpful to him in this blessed task; then, that as parent, master (or mistress), he diligently instruct his children and household from the Word of God, and that he urge them to reduce to practice the things they have learned; moreover, that as a fellow believer he exchange with others of his faith the treasures of wisdom that have come to him, and that he so

do according to the ability he has received; then too, that by word and deed he point out to those without the curse and damnableness of sin, and the one salvation in Christ Jesus; and finally, that by a faithful participation in the services and business transactions of his home congregation, and by co-operation in the work of his church at large, he do all he can to have established and maintained the ministry of Christian teaching and preaching everywhere, both among Christians who may still lack the same, and in heathen lands. As a matter of course: in and throughout this all, the Word of God is to be his only rule; and, to have his work prove a blessing to himself as well as to others, the one constraint thereto must be that love to which the grace of God in Christ Jesus has awakened the heart within him.

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Edify one another. No small praise it was for the Thessalonians that the apostles could truthfully add the cheering words, *even as also ye do.* Now to us the same scriptural admonition is addressed; but whether also with the same testimony of praise, or with reproof suppressed, that is a matter not readily discerned, and one that must eventually be left to the individual judgment and conscience; and happy the man, the woman, the congregation, that come forth from the inquiry with a sense of guilt not too heavy to bear.

Christian edification in the sphere of daily intercourse takes place by words and deeds from which all who hear and see can be spiritually benefited. Leaving out of consideration for the present things indifferent, it is the influence one Christian exerts on another by applying "all Scripture given by inspiration" in a way that makes it effectually profitable to the latter "for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works." 2 Tim. 3, 16. 17; an influence, therefore, formative of Christian character, and one that is exerted with or without conscious intent.

And now, whether we enter the homes and workshops of our church members, or find ourselves in the midst of pastoral gatherings, be it at conferences or synods: what do we hear and see in the way of positive Christian converse and conduct that are truly edifying? To be sure, as in fraternal circles so likewise in neighborly intercourse, questions pertaining to Christian doctrine and life are raised and discussed; at the same time it cannot be denied that but too often subjects are handled that are of little or no profit, either for this life or the life to come; or such as do not make for godliness, because free course is given to the wrangling disposition that is so sadly natural to us all. To such a white heat does the zeal displayed rise at times, and so great is the Babel of tongues on some occasions, that no mortal can tell, whether our good people or our dear brethren are devouring one another in behalf of some small seedling of the kingdom, or for the sake of some hybrid weed of mother earth. Do not tell me that fame and fortune hang solely on things tangible, useful, great. Far from it; for is it not the microscopist who computes to the unit how many millions of

his pet organisms can found their houses and cities on the point of a needle, the man who appalls you with his learning? So along the field of theology: let anyone settle forever such questions as, let us say, where Paradise was located, whence Cain got his wife, where Moses lies buried, how many years to the day this world is old and how many are still allotted to it, whether this or that creation or institution is properly named A or Z, etc., etc.; accomplishing one or the other, that man's fame is forever established and his praise will be found in everybody's mouth.

The passion thus to dig and delve after things trivial and elusive, has intruded itself into the Church and been a bane to her from the very beginning. See, e. g., 1 Tim. 1, 3-6, and chap. 6, 3-5; as also, how severely our Lord rebukes the Scribes and Pharisees of His day on account of this same pestering habit. Wherefore, Brethren, whether clerical or lay, let us suppress this carnal disposition, and do away with all vain disputations about trifles and empty words, especially when questions pertaining to God and things godly are under consideration. Let us be on guard against the fatal presumption that we have done with plucking the flowers and fruits in the garden of God's Word so far as these lie within the common vision, and that, to discover something new, attractive and sweet, and thereby distinguish ourselves, we must prowl along fences and pry into outlying corners. Once caught and held captive in the thorny hedges, to such an one, of what use is the tree of life in the midst of the garden? Having neither eye nor ear for the healing leaves that beckon him, he is sure to perish body and soul, and that despite all the learning and honour he may have acquired.

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As we fail always and everywhere to speak "as it were oracles of God" that we might edify one another by word of mouth, so too must we plead guilty of many shortcomings in our behavior before men. Not to speak here of gross transgressions committed in violation of God's plain commandments, and by which some of our people disgrace themselves and cause others to stumble, how great among us is the offence given, and continued to be given without abatement, by the abuse of Christian liberty, as also by conforming oneself to the world in the matters of commerce, trade, meat and drink, dress and amusement; and how few give room to the fear of God and the love of men St. Paul gives expression to, when he says: "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient; all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any." 1 Cor. 6, 12. cf. chap. 10, 24; 1 Pet. 2, 16.

The inordinate desire for riches, for honours, for fineries, for carnal pleasures, and the like vanities is given free rein to by many among us and that, too, without compunction as to what the consequences may be to themselves and to others. Even the church and its sanctuaries are invaded by these vicious propensities of the human heart and their manifestations. Let some mother or daughter, for example, dare attend divine service of a Sunday in a skirt of last year's cut or with a bonnet

of last year's build, and you may be sure that the resonant ring in their ears will remind them of their venture all the week long. Then think of the experiences that disturb a whole congregation at times in case it sees fit not to elect or reelect this or that gentlemanly brother to some post of honor; even when everybody knows that it is not at all the service that appeals to him, but wholly and solely the praise or the prestige of position. A further stumbling block is put in the way to godliness by those dear people who are ever ready to resort to any half-way respectable method in order to secure money "for the church," and who, to succeed, do not scruple at gratifying the flesh of anybody that comes along for the dime or dollar in his pocket; and think of it, all — for the Lord, the same who once upon a time "made a scourge of cords" to lay upon certain people's backs. In this connection I cannot refrain to mention with disapproval the arrangement in vogue in some of our congregations, according to which every member, without regard to his financial condition, is held to pay one and the same amount — say five or six dollars a year — to keep up the establishment. All church government, to be Christian, should be based upon, and conform to, the law of love; not therefore upon the strict and stern demands of ruthless right; for here, too, the beautiful injunction should be applied, that we bear one another's burden. Something on the same low level with the practice here denounced, and one akin to it, may be seen at the Lord's treasury in some of our churches. Here is a man and brother — and he, one of a class — who is the fortunate owner and proprietor of a factory or a store or a farm or of a tenement: he pays his "fifty cents per communicant," and insists that the poor brother in his employ, or living in rent under him, contribute the same amount, in order that "the congregation's quota" may be made up. Well, no doubt the poor brother pays his fifty cents, if not considerably more; but pray tell me, how is he impressed by the other's example? Unto edification? Hardly; but, and if so, it will be by the prayerful resolve on his part that he will never, never, follow in the way of his brotherly landlord or employer. Oh, how very true are the words of our heavenly Master: "It is impossible — even among His own people — but that offences come; but woe unto him through whom they come!" Luke 17, 1. When and where brethren, by their own evil or inconsiderate action, forfeit the esteem of others, then and there mutual edification is put an end to.

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He that gathereth not with Me, scattereth abroad; that is, he who does not espouse and further the cause of Christ, sides with the prince of darkness in his assault upon the kingdom — a sin, if knowingly committed, the most atrocious a mortal can be guilty of.

The life of Christians, including the conduct of one toward another, cannot escape observation. The eyes and ears of the world are too keen for that, and it is sure to take notice of all that is said and done by those who proclaim themselves to be strangers and pilgrims here. Now, if these are found to be no more heavenly minded and mannered than are others who put forth no such pious claims, then will true Christianity,

thus sadly misrepresented, be held in derision by the godless masses, and will it cease to command the respect of many who might otherwise be won for it. There is in all the world nothing so insufferable to the nostrils of satan and so deadly to sin, as is the savour of the Gospel when this has become the all-controlling power of the inner and outer life of men. This, therefore, is the fundamental condition of evangelism, and must ever be made our first concern; for if we by our own breath, so to speak, vitiate the atmosphere we are to go forth in to such an extent that the spirit of iniquity and his captives can beat about therein with ease and joy malignant, then has it become simply impossible for us to make conquest of the world for Christ. But on the other hand: were we to postpone gathering with Christ until the spirit of His Gospel shall have thoroughly imbued every heart, every home and every congregation of our belonging, then would we be found to be the most foolish and worthless of all God's servants. Wherefore, in despite of all the personal weaknesses and failings we have still to contend against among our ranks, let us be up and doing; and this all the more since it is the Lord that equips us for the work and crowns it with success.

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As is the work of edifying one another, so, too, is the gathering with Christ by Him made the business of every Christian, man, woman, young or old; we are all enjoined to discharge this our sacred duty, remembering that by not so doing, we scatter, we destroy souls! The order of procedure is: first, every one for and by himself, wooing and winning for the kingdom whomsoever he can; then conjointly in smaller bands, i. e., the home congregation; and finally, in one mighty phalanx, i. e., the church of our faith at large.

And now, what is our condition, and what do we along this line of Christian activity? Yes, we urge the members of our church to pray and to give for the extension of our Lord's kingdom; the question is: do we teach and impress upon them also their bounden duty to put forth personal efforts to that end, each one to do his best to capture a soul as the opportunity presents itself? It is my opinion — and heartily glad would I be if I am mistaken in this — that we herewith uncover a sore that affects our own dear church more than any evangelical denomination about us. Of course, exact information on this point is not obtainable, not even approximately; nevertheless, how many fellow believers have we, think you, who are indebted for their soul's salvation and for their conversion to Lutheranism to the direct individual efforts of our lay members?

Howbeit, have not we, as have others, our vestries, our Sunday schools, and all kinds of churchly associations, and are not these all composed of our laity? Very true; but aside from the question in what state of efficiency these might be found, is it not the end and aim of all these organizations—the missionary societies excepted—to build up the church from within rather than from without? And, admitting that some alien souls are brought in by them, how many of the church members

are enlisted and active in these several agencies? Relatively speaking, only the few; for sad to say, the great mass of our people vegetate and crawl along as do snails in the shell, and one is tempted to apply this homely figure to our entire body. To me it appears that we are not as cognizant as we should be of the splendid forces that lie latent in the hearts and hands of our people, nor of the tremendous power they might exert in subduing the world to the word and will of God, were those forces aroused and set in motion. When we look upon other denominations and observe the evangelistic rush and push displayed, the dollars that pour in, how their membership is drawn from among peoples of every race and condition of life, and the rich harvests they gather in in heathen lands, then are we forced to ask: Why is it that we halt and hobble in the rear? Is it a lack of knowledge on our part that accounts for the lag, or of the right volition? If the latter let us repent and do away with the reproach. Or have we not the necessary means? I maintain that our Lutheran people are blest of God with the good things of this earth far beyond their personal needs. Or might it be that the spirit of Lutheranism is of a kind that cannot find expression in every tongue, nor adapted to make conquest of the hearts of men irrespective of their race and color? If so, then is it to that extent not one with the spirit of the Christ. Or, again, is the groundwork and is the superstructure of our doctrinal edifice in such a sad condition that we must be ever at rebuilding it; or is it perhaps so much exposed to the dangers of attack that we must needs stand guard over it night and day? I trow not; but if so, then to be sure we have not the time left to commend and impart to others the precious treasures stored away therein; yes, and then — God forbid the thought — has the good Lord placed a burden on us which, do what we will, we simply cannot bear. Finally it might be urged that we are more conscientiously exact than are others with reference to the divine truth and to church membership. This I firmly believe to be the case, but whilst the fact furnishes us with an explanation of our limited success on the score of numbers, no excuse can be drawn from it in view of our tardy efforts to propagate the faith divine and so dear to our hearts.

No, no; in a business so holy, evasion can do no good, can only make matters worse. The only thing needful to bring peace to conscience and amendment of our ways, is, that the Captain of our salvation, Jesus Christ, who has made us to be kings and priests before God our Father, Himself open our eyes and stir up our hearts with His own light and life, that thereby we may, every one of us, wait on the blessed ministry of saving souls.

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Brethren, if by my poor words, freely and frankly uttered, I have in any matter hit the nail on the head, as the saying is, and if any one of you should feel himself aggrieved thereat — and I hope there are many such — to him let me say that not a blow has been dealt, but the which has drawn blood from my own fingers. A loving devotion to the

cause of Christ, and a fervent desire to prosper our own dear church, have constrained me to say what I did; and my heart's prayer is, that the same love and devotion may incline your ears to heed the words addressed to you; for then, and only then, can they profit us, and provoke us to renewed zeal to execute that priestly ministry unto which the Lord our God has consecrated us as His dear children.

II. SYNODICAL REPORT.

1. Iowa-Ohio Colloquium.

The conference between representatives of the Honorable Synods of Iowa and of Ohio took place at Toledo, Feb. 13-15, A. D., 1907. Aside from visitors from both bodies, there were present by official appointment, on the part of Iowa: Dr. F. Richter, Dir. M. Fritschel, Prof. M. Reu, Revs. C. Proehl, L. Seehase and B. F. Ide; on the part of Ohio: Dr. F. H. Stellhorn, Dr. H. Ernst, Dr. H. A. Allwardt, Dr. Theo. Mees, Pastor H. P. Dannecker, and the undersigned. Following a thorough discussion of the points involved, every one freely and frankly expressing himself, the following theses — in translation — were agreed to:

I. Thesis. The Church.

The Church, in the proper sense of the term, is the communion of true believers as it is begotten through the means of grace and as by their use it edifies itself. From this it follows:

(a) According to its real essence the Church is, and remains invisible on this earth.

(b) Common participation in the means of grace is the necessary form of the Church's appearance and the infallible mark of its existence; and in so far the Church is visible.

II. Thesis. The Office of the Ministry.

(a) The rights and duties of the spiritual priesthood comprehend not only the general command and call that believers reduce to practice their fellowship in the Gospel and their right and title to the means of grace, and accordingly teach and admonish one another in every manner, but also that without special call, they preach the Word to heathens and unbelievers, and in case of necessity, administer the sacrament of baptism; and then also, that they establish the office of the ministry, inasmuch as this office has been originally and immediately given by Christ to the whole Church.

(b) The office of the ministry rests upon especial a command of the Lord, valid throughout all time, and consists in the right and power conferred by special call, to administer the means of grace publicly and by commission of the congregation.

(c) The call (to the pastorate) is a right of the congregation within whose bounds the minister is to discharge the office. Ordination

is a public and solemn confirmation of the call; and is but an apostolic churchly custom or order.

III. Thesis. Attitude to the Confessions.

(a) A binding subscription to the Confessions (of the Church) pertains only to the doctrines of the faith therein set forth, and to these all without any exception.

(b) Whereas the doctrine of Sunday as taught in the Confessions is a doctrine revealed in God's Word, it is not to be excluded from the body of obligatory dogmas.

IV. Thesis. Open Question.

(a) All doctrines revealed clearly and plainly in the Word of God are, by virtue of the divine authority of said Word dogmatically fixed as true and binding upon the conscience, whether they have been symbolically settled as such or not.

(b) There is within the Church of God no authority whatever of departing from any truths clearly revealed by the Scriptures, be their contents considered fundamental or non-fundamental, important or apparently unimportant.

(c) Full agreement in all articles of faith constitutes the irremissible condition of church-fellowship. Persistent error in an article of faith must under all circumstances lead to separation.

(d) Perfect agreement in all non-fundamental doctrines, though not attainable on earth, is, nevertheless, an end desirable and one we should labor to attain.

(e) Those who knowingly, obdurately and persistently contradict the divine Word in any of its utterances whatsoever, thereby overthrow the organic foundation (of the faith), and are therefore to be excluded from church-fellowship.

V. Thesis. Chiliasm.

(a) Any Chiliasm which conceives the kingdom of Christ to be something external, earthly and after the manner of the kingdoms of the world, and which teaches a resurrection of all believers before the day of judgment shall come, is a doctrine directly contrary to the analogy of faith, and is to be rejected as such.

(b) The belief of some, to-wit, that the reign of Christ and His saints referred to in Rev. 20, is an event belonging to the future, as also that the resurrection there spoken of is to be understood as a bodily resurrection of some believers unto life everlasting, is an opinion which, though not incompatible with the analogy of faith, cannot be strictly proven from Scripture no more than the spiritual interpretation of said passages can be shown to be the true one.

VI. Thesis. Predestination and Conversion.

(a) The error of Missouri on predestination we find to consist in this, that thereby the universal gracious will of God and His decree of election are so separated as to exclude one another, and that thus two contradictory wills are affirmed of God. This error renders unsafe the foundation upon which our salvation is based, and stamps as fundamentally wrong other statements which might otherwise admit of an acceptable interpretation.

(b) Concerning conversion, drawn into controversy in connection with the doctrine on predestination, we confess that, viewed as the placing or planting of a new spiritual life, conversion does not depend to any extent whatsoever on any co-operation, self-determination or good conduct on the part of man, nor consist therein, but that it is wholly and solely the work of the Holy Ghost, working the same by His gracious power in the means of grace. On the other hand, however, we deny that the Holy Ghost works conversion according to a mere pleasure of His elective will, or despite the most willful resistance, for example, in the case of the elect; but we hold that by such stubborn resistance both conversion and eternal election are hindered.

July 4, 1907, I received the following communication from Dr. F. Richter:

"It is with great pleasure that I am enabled to inform the Honorable Ohio Synod through you, its president, that at a convention held at Mendota, June 20-25, the Iowa Synod adopted unanimously and with joy the Toledo theses, as also the resolutions appended thereto, and thereby ratified the action of its colloquists.

Another step forward has thus been taken toward churchly peace, and we hope that the Lord in His grace will continue to help us to move forward."

With cordial greetings, yours,

F. R. Richter.

As to our own Synod, I am glad to report that all our Districts have adopted the theses — item d under IV, however, failing of passage in the Wisconsin District. It now remains for your Hon. Body to take action in order that reply may be made to the communication from the Hon. Synod of Iowa.

The resolutions referred to by Dr. Richter read — in translation — as follows:

"*Resolved*,— Dr. Allwardt dissenting — that in case both Synods approve of the theses to be laid before them, it would follow,

First, that pulpit and altar fellowship between the two bodies becomes a matter of right;

Secondly, that no altars be set up by either party in opposition to the other; and that in case of removals on the part of members, these be directed to join the congregation established at the place by either synod; and

Thirdly, that some provision should be made by which all interference in the work of missions may be avoided."

Had I been present when these resolutions were passed on, I would no doubt have approved of them; at this writing, however, I am not prepared to advise their unconditional adoption. A new question has been sprung; it being both affirmed and denied, that the Hon. Synod of Iowa maintains pulpit and altar fellowship with the synods composing the General Council. I am glad to admit that since the day of its organization the Council has made advances toward the position we occupy touching the so-called four points. However, we are still apart on the principles and practices involved in them. On the evils in question, the corrective commended by the Council is, Education; whilst we insist on education *and on discipline*. Add to this the fact that the President of that Honorable Body has seen fit publicy to declare that men holding views on the church such as are set forth in the Toledo theses, might find membership in the General Synod, but never in the General Council — see *Church Review*, Oct. 1907, page 806 — I for my part am constrained to say that, should it transpire that the relation of the Synod of Iowa to the Council is as presented by some, we can not give assent in full to the Toledo resolutions. A communication from President Richter on this matter is in my hands and at Synod's disposal.

2. Hermannsburg and Foreign Missions.

In substance all our Districts — Minn. excepted — have, upon mature consideration, come to the conclusion that there is nothing in the relation of the H. Mission Society to the Ev. Luth. State Church of Hanover, that might prevent us from co-operating with said Society by a closer union.

As to the latter point, and looking toward independent mission work on our own part, I present a series of propositions from the Hon. Board of the H. Mission Society. In translation and in substance they read:—

§1. The Directory of the H. Mission cedes to the Ohio Synod a part of its field and the stations thereto belonging in India, on the condition that should the said Synod ever withdraw from said field, the latter with all the property thereon shall be ceded back to the Mission without charge.

§2. The Ohio Synod to prosecute its work in accordance with the rules and regulations, and through the agency of the H. Mission, which

latter is placed at the disposition of Synod. As a matter of course, said agency acts in harmony with the director of the H. Mission; and on the other hand, the Mission Board of said Synod may likewise avail itself of the services of said director.

§3. Besides paying the expenses of its own work, the Ohio Synod contributes a certain sum, hereafter to be agreed upon, in support of the administration and of the mission work in general.

§4. In all such undertakings as are best carried out in common — i. e. school and congregational affairs, education of native helps, literary and editorial enterprises, pastoral conferences, synodical meetings, etc.— both Missions act conjointly in order that no innovations may take place without previous consent from the home boards of both Missions.

§5. The Ohio Synod sends all moneys directly to the treasurer of the H. M. in India, who keeps a separate account of the same; but who otherwise administers this treasury as that of the H. M.

§6. A disinterested commission shall appraise the property ceded to the O. Synod; and in case the boards of both Missions shall resolve to separate and do work independently, the Board of Synod shall pay to the Board of the H. M. the amount originally agreed on by the said commission.— Should the O. Synod conclude to withdraw from the work, the H. M. shall have the first right to the field and if acquired, pay to the Synod such a sum as may be agreed on by a commission such as named above. Considered and approved at a meeting of the executive Board of the H. Mission convened at H. Aug. 6, 1807.

J. Haccius, *Dir.*

In submitting the above to your Hon. Body, I beg leave to inquire: Would it not be best to table this matter for the present; in the meantime continue our support of the H. M. as heretofore, and endeavor to ascertain whether or not foreign mission work might not be found geographically nearer at home? Synod concurring herein, I would advise the appointment of a committee to prosecute the inquiry.

3. Our Institutions.

Along the line of education, advances have been made; but whilst the Lord has been pleased to prosper the work, the supply of teachers and pastors still falls sadly short of the demand. Renewed and more effective efforts must be put forth to secure pupils for our schools, and the means necessary to meet the expenses.

The outlook at Woodville, Hickory, and at Olympia — where a fine property well located has been secured at a price one-third its real value — is encouraging. For particulars, I refer you to the reports of our various institutions, and bespeak for them a careful perusal.

4. Finances.

To my report of 1906, there may be added:—

Per scholarships, partly operative	$5,600 00
Per G. Baughman, professorship account	1,000 00
Per funds to C. Univ. (in part not paid)	2,100 00
Per fund by will to St. Paul	500 00
Per fund to O. Folk's Home	200 00
Per fund to O. Home, Richmond	600 65
Per fund Ch. Building Board, by will, not paid	1,100 00
Per fund to Foreign Mission, by will, not settled	1,500 00
	$12,600 65

Then there have been willed for Home Mission purposes, 160 acres of land, located near Anamazoo, N. D. (F. Selig estate). Besides Rev. Schramm reports as paid to the Board of Home Missions the sum of $882.12; (Mrs. Martha A. Douglas estate); and Rev. H. J. Schuh, as per Mrs. Christina Rudolf estate: Old Folks' Home $2,000.00; Cap. Univ. $2,000.00; O. Home, Richmond, $2,000.00; St. Paul Seminary $2,000.00; Woodville Normal, $2,000.00; Home Mission, $2,000.00; Board of Aids, $2,000.00; and a balance of approximately $10,000 to go to Cap. University. Sum total, about $24,000.00.

Adding these sums to the amount reported two years ago, i. e. $261,485.00, the assets of Synod by its various treasuries will amount in round figures to a grand total of $302 000,00, partly paid and partly in prospect.

The Institution Treasury, as may be seen from Mr. Heer's report, is still in debt to the amount of $59,488.28. Dir. Hemminghaus is endeavoring to cancel the debt still resting on the property at Woodville; with what success, I am not able to say.

For the information of some of our brethren it may be well to state here, that the first mentioned indebtedness is due to the fact that for many years in the past the appropriations necessarily made by Synod exceeded its income by thousands of dollars. I suggest that your Hon. Body create a special treasury for the liquidation of this debt.— My expectations, that our receipts might overbalance our needs and thus enable us to cancel our obligations, have not been realized to any considerable extent; and this despite the fact that our several treasuries have begun to realize some stately sums on the interest-bearing funds in hand.

5. Business Deferred.

And awaiting final action:—

a). Rules and regulations to govern Board of Aids — substantially approved by all the Districts;

b). Rules and regulations to govern Board of Administration;

c). The creation of a general mission superintendency — disapproved by all the Districts.

6. Varia.

a). The action taken by your Hon. Body at your last session, fixing the salaries of professors, should, in my opinion be reconsidered, since no account was taken therein of residences furnished some of the teachers, nor the location of the institutions and the cost of living depending on it.

b). The constitution of the Pacific Seminary is submitted for your approval. See page 25.

c). Request of Brethren in S. Australia to be taken into connection with your Hon. Body. See document in hand.

d). Private Petitions: by Rev. E. Lack, that contributions sent to Brecklum may be credited in our periodicals; by thirty teachers employed in our parochial schools, that teachers be favored with a copy of Joint Synod Minutes; by W. H. Price, that statistician of Synod and editor of Almanac statistics be elected by Synod and he to be one and the same person; by Rev. Besch and congregation, that the Mission Board be authorized to remit the payment of moneys charged against them. Finally, the resignation of Rev. A. C. Schiff as member of Hickory Sem. Board. The papers containing these several requests are at hand for reference.

e). It would be well for your Hon. Body to determine, either by By-Law or at each election, who of the two vice-presidents is to take charge in case a vacancy should occur in the presidency.

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death." Ps. 48, 12-14.

Respectfully submitted to your Honorable Body at Appleton, Wis., this 20th day of August, A. D., 1908.

C. H. L. Schuette, *Pres.*

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States:

DEAR BRETHREN: — In submitting this our biennial report to your honorable body, it is but meet gratefully to acknowledge the goodness of God which our seminary has so abundantly experienced during the past two years.

I. Seminary.

In the beginning of December, 1906, our faithful Prof. E. Pfeiffer was compelled to relinquish his classwork on account of sickness; but he soon recuperated, and after the Christmas vacation was enabled again to pursue his work with wonted fidelity. With this exception, no serious and lengthy sickness in the faculty interfered with the regular class work.

In the school year of 1906-07 there were 41 students in attendance, and in the past year of 1907-08 there were 42. Again 20 young men were permitted to graduate from our seminary and enter the Gospel ministry during this period.

Four regular sessions were held by your Board during the past two years; no extra sessions were necessary. The Messrs. J. Binkley and Chas. F. Mayer, Columbus, Ohio, have been re-elected as members of Trustees of the Capital University. Dr. H. Busch, Woodville, O., having resigned from the Seminary Board, Mr. J. F. Bachman, Canal Winchester, Ohio, was elected to fill the vacancy until this meeting of Joint Synod.

In the December meeting of 1907 notice was taken of the demise of the loyal supporter and benefactor of our Seminary, Rev. G. Baughman, Eaton, Ohio. Resolutions of condolence and of appreciation of his magnanimous bequests were passed and forwarded to the sorrowing widow.

Desirous of advancing the efficiency of our Seminary and receiving the assurance from our worthy Faculty that by the calling of one more professor two theological instructors could be so situated as to devote their whole time to the seminary: your Board respectfully petitions Synod, that one more professor be called into the Faculty of our institution at Columbus.

II. Seminary Library.

Your Board takes great pleasure in reporting the ever-increasing efficiency of our Seminary Library under the able management of Dr. Theo. Mees, and his assistant, student Adolf Ebert.

Owing to the Jubilee collection of $1,524.59 new and valuable works are constantly being added. Lately 289 books and 180 magazines, con-

stituting the greater part of the sainted Father Baughman's library, were added and placed in a separate alcove. The library now consists of about 4,000 books and pamphlets, not including the different Government Reports.

Realizing that a good, working library is of inestimable benefit to educational institutions, your Board herewith asks Synod to increase the allowance for all the libraries of our institutions of learning.

III. Elections.

The term of office of the following members of the Seminary Board expires with this meeting of Joint Synod:

Rev. M. C. Hecht, Dayton, Ohio.
Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff, Pemberville, Ohio.
Mr. H. Rogge, Dayton, Ohio.
Mr. J. J. Schaefer, Galion, Ohio.

Also a successor to Dr. H. Busch, Woodville, Ohio, will have to be elected for a period of two years.

Invoking God's blessings upon Synod and its deliberations, we remain

Your obedient servants,

E. A. Boehme, *President.*
E. H. D. Winterhoff, *Secretary.*

CAPITAL UNIVERSITY. COLUMBUS, OHIO.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States:

Honored and Beloved Brethren: — In his loving kindness our dear heavenly Father has, in the past two years also, preserved and blessed our Institution of learning at Columbus, Ohio — Capital University; and it is with gratitude to Him that our Board herewith submits its report to your honorable body.

I. Our Professors.

With some exceptions, our professors have enjoyed good health, and have been enabled to carry on their work, without interruption. Our venerable Dr. Loy, whom God has graciously spared unto us, however, on account of his age and weakness physically, remains incapacitated for work.

The sainted Rev. J. C. Schacht, who as pastor of Christ church had several classes in our institution under his care, was called of God to his heavenly home, December 4, 1906; and the Rev. J. Sheatsley was called to fill the vacancy, and is now rendering acceptable service.

II. Our Students.

Since the last synodical convention the number of our students has decreased somewhat. This we attribute in part to the fact, that Dr. Schuh has been required to give more of his time to the house-fathership, and cannot, therefore, so frequently go out into the field to solicit students, as would be desirable. We have however had corresponding gains in the discipline and deportment among our students.

In the year 1906, inclusive of the Preparatory Department and the Seminary, the attendance was 163; in the year 1907, the number was 162, and this year the number is 157 — 38 in the Preparatory Department, 77 in the College and 42 in the Seminary.

In the past two years, 27 students were graduated, all receiving the degree "A. B."

The Rev. R. E. Golladay, in recognition of his acquirements, received the degree of "A. M."

With few exceptions, our students enjoyed good health. One was called of God to his eternal home.

III. Improvements in the Course.

Wherever feasible, we would always improve this course. The Seminary Board may report the joint deliberations of our respective bodies, on that subject, for the consideration of Synod.

Instructions in oratory are still given at our Institution also, by Prof. Fox, of the Columbus School of Oratory. Prof. Kibler, one of the Physical Directors of the Ohio State University, gives instructions twice a week. Prof. O. Assenheimer gives instructions in music; and arrangements have been made now for some years to give instructions in typewriting and stenography, to such students as desire to take up these branches.

IV. Repairs and Improvements of the Property.

Repairs and improvements of our buildings and grounds are always necessary, and are carried out, as far as our means will allow. Our original building, the Dormitory, has grown old, and is in need of repairs. Now, in the year 1910, it will have been 60 years since Capital University was founded, and we would celebrate this event in some special way; the Board proposes to your honorable body, and would ask your sanction to a plan, among other things, to improve the whole building internally, and to have the outside faced with cement, in imitation of stone, as is now frequently done with such buildings. Something must be done to preserve the building. Our committee will be prepared to submit an estimate of the cost, etc., to your honorable body.

V. Library Building.

We have long since felt the need of a proper and safe place for our library; but the limited means at our disposal made it impossible to

erect such a building; but now our dear Lord has sent us the means through a friend of our Institution, the sainted Mrs. Rudolf of Allegheny, Pa., who remembered our Institution with a considerable sum. The Board would respectfully ask your honorable body to sanction a proposition to use this money for a library building.

VI. Professors' Residences.

For some years, with the sanction of Synod, we have had the building of professors' residences on the college campus under consideration; this was to be done with scholarship money, in the hope that our Institution, as also our professors, would thus be served, and we would find a safe investment for our moneys, and the rent of the buildings would bring sufficient returns by way of interest to safeguard the capital. One such house was built. Before we undertook to build others, we appointed our committee to thoroughly investigate the matter again; and this committee now reports, that we cannot, in these times, build a proper house with four scholarships, or $3,200; and furthermore, the said committee raises the question, whether it would be wise and safe, and whether we are dealing justly with our professors, to invest such moneys in such a way and with such expectations. We bring the whole matter to the attention of your honorable body again and ask your instructions.

VII. Finances.

Our Treasurer, Prof. G. K. Leonard, will report concerning the finances of the Institution and will indicate the sum it will be necessary for your honorable body to appropriate for the next two years.

May God bless our dear Synod, and grant her wisdom in her deliberations, so that everything may be done to His glory, and the welfare of the Church.

In the name of the Board,

Respectfully,

R. C. H. Lenski, *President.*
L. H. Burry, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

July 1, 1906, to June 30, 1908.

Receipts.

Balance on hand July 1, 1906		$341 15
From General Treasurer	$19,883 38	
Students, including schol. int	11,476 74	
Interest on permanent funds	2,092 07	
Rents	718 80	
Gas	806 80	
Unclassified sources	746 86	
		$35,224 65
		$35,565 80

Disbursements.

For salaries	$26,739 85	
Janitor service and other labor	988 88	
Improvements	1,535 32	
Repairs	1,290 80	
Supplies	797 94	
Gas	1,978 85	
Telephone service	122 00	
Printing and postage	530 66	
Insurance	416 95	
Library	248 84	
Athletics	240 00	
Unclassified	516 63	
		$35,406 72
Balance June 30, 1908		$159 08

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. K. LEONARD, *Treas.*

Audited July 20, 1908.

C. F. MAYER,
A. PFLUEGER,
S. A. SINGER,
Committee.

LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

In the name of the Board of the Luther Seminary at St. Paul, Minn., the undersigned begs leave to submit the following report:

Also in the past two years God's blessing and grace rested on our institution, teachers and scholars.

In the school year 1906-07 the total number of students was 59, of which 28 were in the Theological Seminary, and 31 in the Proseminary. Of those in the Theological Seminary, 9 entered the ministry after having passed a creditable examination.

During the school year of 1907-08 the total number of students was 70, of which 29 were in the Theological Seminary, and 41 in the Proseminary.

The number graduated was four; with these Teacher L. Moench, who had studied theology privately under the direction of W. D. Ahl, was also examined and recommended for ordination.

The spirit and deportment of the students in general was satisfactory; likewise the state of their health, with the exception of a few

cases of slight indisposition, was good, and this in spite of the lack of proper room.

Professor W. Fiebke, who was taken sick during the last school year, was obliged to resign. May God give him and his beloved ones grace to carry the heavy burden laid upon him.

At the last Board meeting, Rev. J. Mittermaier of Mapleton, Minn., was called as his successor.

Next year it will be 25 years since the establishment of our institution; on that account the Board resolved that at the close of the next school year the 25th anniversary be celebrated.

For the good of our institution as also for our synodical work in the Northwest, we find it necessary that we call another professor for the Proseminary, the same to act as missionary for St. Paul, as pastor in the Seminary, and thus relieve Prof. H. Doermann. With this additional force the course could be expanded by one grade, and the important and necessary primary class could be retained.

We also request the honorable Synod to decide whether the former years of service of Prof. H. Doermann should be taken account of in the rule by which the salaries of the professors are paid.

As there are necessary repairs to be made, the Board asks Synod to grant a special financial allowance for that purpose.

Finally we desire to call the attention of the honorable Synod to the fact that the time of service of Revs. H. Allwardt and Geo. Diemer and of Mr. H. Schroeder of Schakopee, Minn., has expired.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. DIEMER, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1. Receipts.

On hand, July 1, 1906	$227 98
From F. J. Heer	8,786 55
From students	2,438 17
Total receipts	$11,452 70

Allowance from Synod, 1906	$7,273 00	
Plus raise in salaries	1,000 00	
And one-fourth of Prof. Doermann's salary, formerly paid by Mission Treasurer	600 00	
Total allowance	$8,873 00	
Receipts	8,786 55	

2. Expenditures.

Dr. H. Ernst, salary	$3,000 00	
Prof. Wm. Schmidt, salary	2,400 00	
Rev. H. Doermann, salary	1,871 00	
Rev. Wm. Fiebke	2,000 00	
Music	100 00	
Telephone	96 00	
Janitor	550 00	
Library	100 00	
Fuel	648 00	
Repairs, etc	633 95	
Total expenditures		$11,398 95
On hand, July 1, 1908		$53 85
Necessary for the next two years:—		
Salaries for 4 teachers		$9,800 00
Music		200 00
Insurance		180 00
Repairs		1,000 00
Janitor		600 00
Telephone		96 00
Fuel		700 00
Library		200 00
Total		$12,776 00
Expected from students		2,300 00
Allowance asked		$10,476 00

WM. SCHMIDT, *Treas.*

ST. PAUL'S SEMINARY AND PROSEMINARY, HICKORY. N. C.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors of St. Paul's Seminary and Proseminary of Hickory, N. C., herewith submits the following report:

Pursuant to the action of Joint Synod at its last session, wherein the petition to reopen the theological seminary at Hickory was under certain conditions granted, the theological department was reopened in September, 1907. The classes in this department were all instructed by

Prof. W. L. Spielman, who accepted the Board's call in June, 1907. There were three young men in this department and who continued their studies without intermission throughout the entire school year.

In the Proseminary the classes were in the main taught by Prof. J. E. Barb, with the assistance of Prof. Spielman in several branches. The course in this department has been thoroughly revised so as to make it serve more effectually its purpose as a preparatory department for the Seminary. There are in this department several young men who have the ministry in view, who will not be ready to enter the Seminary, however, until the fall of 1909. The enrollment in this department was 21 during the year. In addition to this, the primary department has been continued without cost to the Board, in the hope that it will prove a feeder to the Proseminary.

Considering the fact that before the re-opening of the theological department the institution had practically been abandoned, so that the work had to be set in course again as from the very beginning, we have every reason to be encouraged by the progress which has so far been made. Much still remains to be done, but with earnest effort and by God's help, we hope to make the institution a thorough success.

During the school year, the health of the students was good, and the discipline of the institution was very satisfactory, for all of which we sincerely thank God.

Inasmuch as several of the buildings had become considerably dilapidated, so that a number of repairs were absolutely necessary, the Board made such repairs as were possible within its limited means in hand, and now earnestly petitions the Honorable Joint Synod for a special appropriation of $500.00 for this purpose.

Since in the theological department the need of an additional professor is imperative, and since by such arrangement the Mission Board would be relieved from supporting the Hickory parish, and an additional man would be spared to the ranks of the ministry by the theological professors serving those congregations, our board earnestly petitions the Honorable Joint Synod to increase the annual appropriation of our institution by $700.00 to make this possible.

The terms of office of the following members of this board have expired:

Rev. J. M. Senter, Rev. W. E. Schramm, Mr. G. W. Huffman, Mr. N. M. Newton.

Respectfully submitted,

C. B. Gohdes, *Pres.*
J. M. Senter, *Sec'y.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

July 15, 1906, to July 1, 1908.

Receipts.

1906.			
July 16.	To balance	$233 21	
	To cash, F. J. Heer*	3,387 90	
	To cash, tuition	302 10	
	To cash, house rent	70 00	
			$3,993 21

Expenditures.

By cash, Prof. W. L. Spielman	$1,000 00	
By cash, Prof. J. E. Barb, (2 years)	1,500 00	
By cash, Prof. Spielman's moving expenses	141 85	
By cash, repairs on building	452 04	
By cash, Building & Loan	436 05	
By cash, insurance for five years	198 50	
By cash, fuel	91 30	
By cash, F. H. Besel, note and interest	146 22	
By cash, sundries	43 30	
		$3,709 26
Balance July 1, 1908		$283 95

Liabilities.

Prof. Spielman, note and interest	$117 23	
Rev. J. H. W. Hoerr, note and interest	50 97	
Mr. N. S. Dasher, note and interest	101 93	
		$270 13

*$137.90, balance of appropriation for 1906.

N. M. NEWTON, *Treasurer.*

Audited and found correct, July 1, 1908.

N. S. DASHER,
J. E. BARB,
Committee.

ST. PAUL'S EV. LUTH. SEMINARY, HICKORY, N. C.

Constitution.

ART. I. NAME.

The name of this school shall be *St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Seminary.*

ART. II. OBJECT.

The object of this seminary shall be to educate men for the office of the gospel ministry, and to give to the youth of our churches and land an opportunity to obtain an education under Christian influences.

Art. III. Confession.

All instruction given in this seminary shall be in accord with the Lutheran confessions of faith as set forth in the book of Concord of 1580 and as received by the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States.

Art. IV. Management.

1. This Seminary shall be managed by a board of directors elected by the Synod named in Art. III.

2. This board shall be composed of four pastors and three laymen.

3. The term of office shall be four years. Every two years, four, and three members, respectively, shall be elected.

4. The board shall be organized by electing a president, secretary and treasurer. The first two must be members of the Board.

5. Regular meetings shall be held once a year, and extra meetings shall be called by the president, at the request of not less than three members of the Board. Time and purpose of the meeting shall be announced to each member of the Board. All business transacted at such meeting shall be confined to the object for which it has been called.

6. Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

7. The Board shall elect the president, professors and other instructors in any department of this Seminary, according to the rule of the Joint Synod, and after due examination and proof of the facts remove them for false doctrine, incapacity, inattention to duty, for breaches of the ordinances of the Seminary, for immorality, or such conduct as might be injurious to the students committed to their care.

8. The Board shall appoint from their own number an executive committee, who shall discharge such duties as shall from time to time be assigned them.

9. The faculty shall consist of the regular professors of the institution.

Art. V. Departments.

1. There shall be a theological department, properly known as The Seminary.

2. There shall also be a preparatory, or academic department, properly known as the Proseminary.

3. The Board may establish other departments, such as music, business, art, etc., yet in such a manner that they shall be of no expense to the Joint Synod, nor interfere with the spirit, purpose and progress of the Seminary.

Art. VI. Duties of Officers.

A. Board of Directors.

This board shall

1. See to it that the doctrines taught in this Seminary shall be

in harmony with the word of God, and the confessions of the Lutheran Church.

2. Give attention that the professors be found faithful in their office and work, and lead an exemplary life.

3. Examine carefully the books of the treasurer.

4. See to it that the property of the Seminary be kept in good condition.

5. If any vacancy occurs in the Board between the meetings of Joint Synod, the board of directors shall be authorized to fill the vacancy according to the order prescribed by the Joint Synod.

6. The Board is responsible for all its acts to the Joint Synod, and must report to this body every two years, and as often as said Synod demands it.

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The President of the Seminary shall not only be found faithful in his office as teacher, but he shall also see to it that the branches to be taught be properly divided among his colleagues, and that these, his associates, faithfully teach according to the outlined annual schedule. In all cases of admission into and of dismissal from the Seminary, his decision shall be final, though he is advised to act in harmony and with the approval of the professors. He must also see to it that a Christian spirit prevail in the institution.

Art. VII. Amendments.

Alterations or amendments to this constitution must be submitted to the Joint Synod for ratification, by a vote of two-thirds of the directors present at any regular meeting. Only after it has been ratified by the Joint Synod shall any alteration or amendment become part of this constitution.

Art. VIII. By-Laws.

A majority of the directors, regularly convened, may at any time establish By-Laws accordant with this constitution. These shall be in force until altered, amended or repealed in the same manner. Such changes, however, are to be reported at the next meeting of Joint Synod.

PACIFIC EV. LUTH. SEMINARY, OLYMPIA, WASH.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States:

Dear Brethren: — In accord with the resolution of the Joint Synod at its last convention the Washington district in conjunction with the General President has been able to establish a theological seminary at

Olympia, Wash., under the name of Pacific Ev. Lutheran Seminary, and the board herewith offers its first report to the Joint Synod.

Shortly after the last convention of Synod, when the committee appointed by the Washington district began to cast about for a suitable location for our new school, a favorable proposition presented itself at Olympia, Wash. An extra session of the Washington district was called, and after mature deliberation the District resolved to purchase the property for $5,000.00. The property consists of one city square, nine blocks from the state capitol building, and has two buildings, a recitation hall and a dormitory. The property is worth at least $15,000 to Synod. At its last meeting the Washington District instructed the trustees to deed the property to Joint Synod, with the understanding that the Washington district be responsible for all indebtedness. As the property has been paid for within $700.00 at this writing, it is hoped that the property can be presented to Joint Synod free of debt by the time it convenes.

Dr. Carl Ackerman and Rev. Wm. Hohberger were called as professors, and have satisfactorily fulfilled all duties assigned them. Our first school year has been a successful one. The school has four departments: theological, preparatory, musical and commercial. The two last are conducted under special contracts, and without expense to Synod. The enrollment for the first year is as follows: Theological students 3; Proseminary students 18; Music students 12; Commercial students 41. Counting none twice the total enrollment was 67. With few exceptions, the health and deportment of all were satisfactory.

The present board of directors was elected by the Washington district and approved by the General President. It will be necessary for the Joint Synod to ratify the same. The terms of Mr. C. Muehlenbruk, Rev. K. Kilian and the undersigned expire, and their places should be filled by the Joint Synod. The board also presents a constitution for ratification. For the coming two years the board asks for an annual appropriation of $2,200.00. With thanks to God for His guidance and blessing in the past, we pray for our school's progress in the future.

In the name, and by the order of the Board of Directors,

G. F. Pauschert, *Pres.*
K. Kilian, *Sec'y.*

PACIFIC EV. LUTH. SEMINARY.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

September 2, 1907, to July 21, 1908.

A. Seminary and Proseminary.

I. Receipts—

From General Treasurer	$1,550 00
Students	664 65
Rent, W. Hohberger	150 00
Salary of Olympia missions	200 00
Surplus of commercial department	128 47
	$2,693 12

II.	Expenditures —	
	Salary, Dr. C. Ackermann	$1,100 00
	Salary, W. Hohberger	1,000 00
	Traveling expenses, Dr. C. Ackermann	275 00
	Fuel	93 50
	Janitor	34 00
	Sundries	176 20
		$2,678 70
III.	Balance on hand —	
	Receipts	$2,693 12
	Expenditures	2,678 70
		$14 42
IV.	Indebtedness —	
	Salaries, Dr. C. Ackermann	$100 00
	Insurance companies	59 00
		$159 00
V.	Resources —	
	From Treasurer F. J. Heer	$450 00
	From students	61 98
		$511 98

B. Commercial Department.

I.	Receipts —	
	From students	$987 11
II.	Expenditures —	
	Salary, Prof. E. R. Thoma	$839 74
	Seminary fund	128 47
	Rebates to students	18 90
		$987 11

C. Music Department.

I.	Receipts —	
	From students	$200 99
II.	Expenditures —	
	Salary to Miss Louise Hohberger	$200 99

WM. HOHBERGER, *Treasurer.*

Olympia, Wash., July 21, 1908.

NORMAL SCHOOL, WOODVILLE, OHIO.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States:

With gratitude to God who has so graciously preserved our Teachers' Seminary, and has exceedingly blessed its work, we submit the following report to your honorable body:

February 5, 1907 the present board was organized. Rev. A. Dornbirer was elected president, Teacher W. A. Trapp, Secretary, and Dir. K. Hemminghaus, Treasurer. Six sessions were held during the last two years.

The professors have uninterruptedly prosecuted their work. On account of the large number of students, it became necessary last November to engage another instructor. With the approval of the President of Joint Synod, an assistant professor, Rev. J. W. Maier of Richmond, Ind., was engaged for the remainder of the school year, at a monthly salary of $75.00. A fourth professor, therefore, being an absolute necessity, we would petition your honorable body to give us permission to call such an one; or, in case Joint Synod wishes to extend such a call we would propose Teacher C. Vogel of Woodville, Ohio, for that position.

During the school year just ended 70 young people attended our institution. Twenty-six young men and four young ladies purpose to become parish school teachers within our Synod, and 8 young men are taking a preparatory course to enter Capital University. The others wish to acquire a Christian education.

In 1907 two candidates for the office of parochial school teachers, W. Witzke and F. Sibbersen, were dismissed to congregations of our Synod; and this year Miss Emma Allwardt graduated, and has accepted a school within the bounds of Synod. Prospectively our Normal can furnish 5 young people next year for the position of parochial school teachers.

Deportment and diligence of both young men and young ladies were very satisfactory. All students enjoyed good health. Interruptions of any kind did not occur.

During the past year the indebtedness of the institution was reduced by $1,000.00, leaving a debt of $4,800.00 still resting on the institution.

A report concerning the finances of the institution will be given to you by the treasurer, Dir. K. Hemminghaus.

The same will also indicate the sum which your honorable body should appropriate for our work.

In all probability we shall have a still larger number of students to house next year than we had last, we therefore ask your honorable body

to advise the board as to providing the necessary room for the increased number of students. In Woodville there is no suitable building which we could rent for such a purpose.

We have made a thorough search for copy of Rules and Regulations governing this institution and adopted by Joint Synod but are compelled to report that no such copy could be found either in the minutes of Synod or those of the Board. We await your instructions regarding this matter.

Finally we would call your attention to the fact, that the term of office of the following board members has expired: Rev. J. Kuhlmann. Teacher W. A. Trapp, and the Messrs B. Otten and C. Huesemann.

And now may the Lord in His great mercy take this our Normal under his protecting care and continue to bless it abundantly.

In the name and by authority of the Board,

A. H. Dornbirer, *President.*
W. A. Trapp, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To the President of Joint Synod:

The following is compiled from my annual reports to the Woodville Normal Board for the two years beginning July 15, 1906 and ending July 15, 1908.

Receipts:

From General Treasurer (to S. B. Otten) for repairs	$1,300 00	
From General Treasurer (to S. B. Otten) for interest	290 00	
From General Treasurer, 1906-1907, for salaries	2,893 00	
From General Treasurer, 1907-1908, for salaries	3,895 00	
From General Treasurer, for interest	290 00	
From General Treasurer, for interest (poor students)	150 00	
		$8,818 00
From Rev. M. Mohrhoff (note red.)	$200 00	
		$200 00
From students, 1906-1907	$1,320 00	
From students, 1907-1908	1,346 50	
		$2,666 50
From rents, 1906-1908	$110 00	
		$110 00
From unclassified sources, 1906-1907	$382 16	
From unclassified sources, 1907-1908	163 13	
		$545 29
		$12,339 79
Allowance by Synod (not including fourth prof.)	$6,600 00	
Instruments, etc.	600 00	
		$7,200 00

Expenditures:

On salaries, 1906-1907	$3,350 00	
On salaries, 1907-1908	3,950 00	
		$7,300 00
Janitor and other labor, 1906-1907	$233 50	
Janitor and other labor, 1907-1908	215 50	
		$449 00
Coal, 1906-1907	$268 50	
Coal, 1907-1908	213 61	
		$482 11
Moving expenses, Prof. K. Hemminghaus	$70 00	
Moving expenses, Prof. O. Trapp	58 85	
		$128 85
Repairs and improvements, 1906-1907	1,594 90	
Repairs and improvements, 1907-1908	160 50	
		$1,755 40
Interest, 1906-1908	$580 00	
		$580 00
Insurance	$52 47	
		$52 47
Printing	$68 00	
		$68 00
Poor students	$150 00	
		$150 00
Pianos and equipments	$520 00	
		$520 00
Unclassified, 1906-1907	$302 00	
Unclassified, 1907-1908	433 59	
		$735 59
		$12,221 42
Balance July 15, 1908		$118 37

Respectfully submitted,

K. HEMMINGHAUS, *Treas.*

Audited and found correct,

OTTO TRAPP,
C. VOGEL,
C. C. ROBINSON,
Auditing Committee.

WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME AT RICHMOND, IND.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States:

Through God's gracious guidance this institution has again been permitted for the past two years to perform its blessed work of love and mercy, and in the name of the Board of Directors the undersigned respectfully submits to Synod the required report.

With gratitude to our heavenly Father, the true Father of all orphans, we must acknowledge that He again has during the past two years fulfilled His promise unto us: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." The old bitter foe did indeed seek to harm us in many ways, but he did not succeed. The Valiant One in mercy protected us. With deep humility we must confess: "I am not worthy of the least of all Thy mercies, and of all the truth, which Thou hast shewn unto Thy servant."

In many respects the past two years have been eventful years for our Home, and the changes which have taken place, both with regard to officers and the personnel have not been without influence. As we already reported two years ago a vacancy had taken place in the teaching force of our school. We succeeded at last in procuring teacher N. C. Schmidt, who formerly had served us for eight years very acceptably. He entered upon his duties in November, 1906. In August of last year our superintendent, Rev. A. F. Klopfer, presented for a second time his resignation. His wish was granted. The vacancy thus made was filled temporarily by Teacher Schmidt and his wife, who since then have had the training of the children and also the management of the institution in their hands. For their self-sacrificing labors they deserve the thanks of Synod. For, although we took immediate steps to fill the vacancy, a year passed before we succeeded. One call after the other was returned, until finally Pres. Gahre and wife were induced to accept our call. God willing, they will enter upon their duties in the near future. May our heavenly Father abundantly bless their labors, and crown their efforts in behalf of the orphans. We also found it necessary to dismiss Mr. Mott, who was serving as a helper in and about the Home. No other changes as to the personnel have taken place.

The second class in our school is still under the care of Miss Martha Hennigs, who serves it with zeal and aptness. In the person of Miss Blomeier we have procured a good help for the kitchen and sewing-room. Mrs. Krueger, widow of teacher Krueger, has also faithfully served the Home for almost a year. She has the supervision and care of our smaller children.

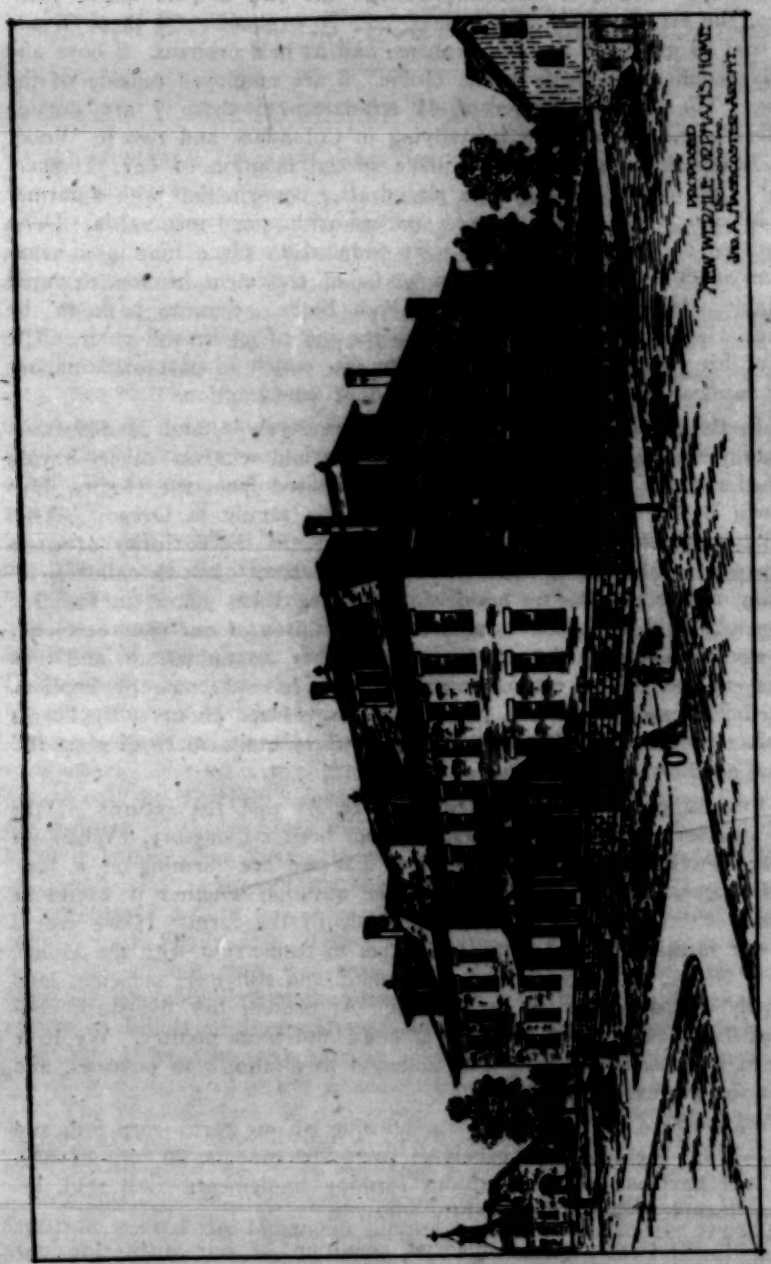
At present we have 85 persons connected with the Home. This includes the family of the housefather, the two helpers above mentioned, the two teachers, the farmer, and 70 orphans. Of these 37 are boys and 33 girls. 12 are full orphans, and 53 half orphans. 2 boys and 3 girls (confirmed) work in the Home. 6 are employed outside of the Home. The school consists of 65 scholars; of these 7 are outside scholars. One of our boys is studying in Columbus, and two in Woodville. Besides these, we would make special mention of one, Herman Roth. This unfortunate boy was placed after confirmation with a farmer near Marion, Ohio. Here he was stricken with spinal meningitis. Upon the advice of the physician we were induced to place him in a sanatarium of said city. After eleven weeks of treatment he was declared incurable. Having lost the use of both limbs, he came back to the Home. He can move about only with the aid of an invalid chair. The cost of his treatment had to be met by us, which in part explains our large medical account. — One child died of consumption.

In the past two years 33 children were received, and 22 dismissed. Of these some were returned to their parents and relatives, others having attained the age of eighteen years, were released from the Home. One boy will in the near future be adopted by a family in Oregon. That this latter can be done so seldom is because in the majority of cases we have to deal with half orphans. The relatives of such children invariably refuse to give us permission to have them placed in families. And yet, should we refuse to accept these children of our congregations, they would be consigned to orphanages of other denominations, and then be lost to our church, whose members they have become by baptism. Nevertheless we have in the past two years refused about 40 applicants admission into our Home, because the relatives hesitated to give us full control of their children.

Regarding our farm we regret to report that the returns of the same also for the past two years have not been satisfactory. When we compare receipts with outlay we find that we are farming at a loss. The Board has repeatedly considered the question whether it would be advisable to recommend to Synod the sale of the farm. If we would limit our farming to the original 17 acres in connection with the Home, we would save, in our judgment, all around, and still have sufficient land to supply our demands for the kitchen. At present our live-stock consists of 3 horses, 8 cows, 4 calves, 12 hogs, and some poultry. We have 17 acres in oats, 13 in corn, 6 in clover, 4 in alfalfa, 3 in potatoes, and several in garden products.

We suffered a great loss in the burning of our barn, corn crib and wagon-shed. We lost 800 bushels of corn, 200 of oats, 30 tons of hay, all of our harness, and part of our farming implements. All told, insurance included, $2,500 will hardly cover it.

With reference to the financial condition of our institution our treasurer and financial secretary will in their respective reports give Synod in detail all necessary information. Only permit me to state



Proposed New Orphans' Home Building, Richmond, Ind.

in this connection, should you find that the expenditures have exceeded those of former years, we beg you to remember, that we also with others enjoyed the so-called prosperity, i. e., high prices. Nevertheless upon information received from other orphanages of our church, touching their running expenses, we are prepared to say, that our institution is one of the few which are run most economically.

Although the Board would gladly refrain from asking Synod for additional appropriations this year, nevertheless such petition must be presented. It will be absolutely necessary for us yet this fall to rebuild our corn-crib and wagon-shed. We must also erect a new out-house in order to avoid trouble with our State sanitary officers. The re-building of our barn cost us $2,021. We received insurance $1,000. The remaining sum we borrowed in our emergency from the endowment fund. It is for Synod to provide for its refunding. We were also compelled to make an addition to the teacher's residence, and provide him with a stable at a cost of $580. This sum was taken out of our running expense fund.

With reference to the new building, which Synod kindly gave us permission to erect, we beg leave to report, that we were not able to begin work last spring, partly because the plans were not completed in time, and partly for the reason that the time was too short to collect the necessary two-thirds sum, which by a resolution of Synod must be available, before we begin work. As the sketch shows, the main building is to be two story, in T form, 45 x 109 feet, of brick, with slate roof. In the basement there are to be boiler and coal room, two wash-rooms, two play-rooms, a bakery, and rooms for the storage of garden fruits. On the first floor are the living rooms of the housefather, office and reception room, nursery, study rooms for boys and girls; two bed rooms for guests. We also have on this floor dining room and kitchen. A corridor runs through the entire length of building with two stairways leading to second story. Here are besides the two large dormitories, a number of smaller rooms for the attendants, sewing room, two hospital rooms for the sick, bath rooms, etc. The room in the attic can be utilized if necessary. The building will accommodate about 65 children. According to plans and estimates made thereon the probable cost will reach from $28,000 to $30,000. Of this sum there are at present $6,000 in sight.

Finally we call attention to the fact that according to our constitution the Board consists of nine members, four pastors and five laymen; and that at every regular meeting of General Synod three members must be elected, and that they are to serve for six years. In some way the name of our worthy treasurer, J. Schultz, was omitted in the two last reports of Synod. Also the time of service of some of the members is incorrectly given. We call Synod's attention to this.

The time of service of the following brethren has expired: Rev. M. L. Baum, and Messrs J. Schultz and J. Roselius.

Brethren, we present the interests of the orphans in care of our church for your serious and prayerful consideration; God means we

shall care for them or He would not leave them to us, and it is for His guidance and wisdom in the management of the Home, we ask your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. FERGER.

Richmond, Ind., July 22, 1908.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Cash received from Rev. Beck for new barn....	$2,021 24	
Paid on order for building.....	2,021 24	
Received from Rev. Beck for plans and specifications for new home.....	$425 00	
Paid architect for plans.....	425 00	
Running Expenses.		
Balance in treasury July 10, 1906.....	$359 51	
Received from Rev. Beck.....	12,892 42	
		$13,251 93
Salary	$3,905 56	
Groceries, bread and meat.....	3,041 02	
Dry goods, clothing and shoes.....	1,200 82	
Coal	946 07	
Blacksmithing, harness and repairing on wagons	406 13	
Farm implements and furniture.....	263 85	
Hay, corn, feed and potatoes.....	1,093 41	
Repairing	459 28	
Medical service and medicine.....	232 22	
Telephone	110 80	
Coal oil	100 92	
Insurance, interest and taxes.....	207 46	
Hardware and queensware.....	271 52	
Books and stationery.....	81 29	
New kitchen and barn for teacher.....	562 58	
Board for student.....	119 80	
Incidentals	91 80	
		$13,094 53
Balance in treasury July 1, 1908.....		$157 40

Respectfuly submitted,

JOHN J. SCHULTZ, *Treasurer.*

FINANCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT.

July 1, 1906, to July 1, 1908.

Receipts.

Balance in treasury July 1, 1906	$147 66
From General Treasurer	11,354 60
From garden and farm	766 68
From house expense fund	528 25
Interest	682 24
Bequest from Philip Gesell estate	50 00
Total	$13,529 43

Disbursements:

Paid J. J. Schultz, treasurer	$12,892 42
Paid balance on school house debt	200 00
Total	$13,092 42

Recapitulation:

Receipts	$13,529 43
Disbursements	13,092 42
In treasury	$437 01

School House Debt:

Debt July 1, 1906	$700 00
Note cancelled	200 00
	$500 00

The above $500.00 is in a life note; and at death of testator is given to the home.

Monument Fund:

July 1, 1906, reported	$214 00
June 27, 1907, paid for erection of monument	214 00

Endowment Fund:

July 1, 1906, as per minutes	$9,154 58
Received	3,107 90
In fund	$12,262 48

For New Building at Wernle Home.

Receipts:

As per minutes of 1906	$306 32
Received since	3,347 84
	$4,154 15

Disbursements:

Paid J. J. Schultz	$425 00
In fund	$3,729 15

New Barn.

Receipts:

For insurance	$1,000 00
For donations	31 96
For loan	989 28
	$2,021 24

Disbursements:

Paid J. J. Schultz	$2,021 24

Respectfully.

J. Beck, *Financial Secretary.*

ORPHANAGE AND HOME FOR AGED, MARS, PA.

REPORT OF BOARD.

To the Hon. Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

Honored Fathers and Dear Brethren in Christ: Again we are permitted to report on the condition of the institutions, the oversight of which has been entrusted to us. First, with reference to our home for the aged, we have every reason to be grateful to God for His unmerited blessings during the past two years. Like all others they were years of affliction, but also of blessing. Our daily bread was supplied, and in days of affliction and sickness the Lord was our best physician. And when the angel of death cast his dark shadows over our Home, the light of God's promise, of an eternity of happiness to those who overcome by the blood of the Lamb, shone through the darkness.

Our Deaconesses in their difficult but noble calling are laboring under the divine blessing. What a pity that there are so few! The work of Christian benevolence carried on through professional and

trained agents should receive more recognition and better support among us.

Since the last meeting of Joint Synod, we received one man and four women into the Home. One man and one woman withdrew, and three men and two women died. At present we have seven male and twelve female inmates. Quite a number are so feeble that they look forward with longing to a deliverance from all ill. When the limit of eighty years and over has been reached, then come the years of which we say we have no pleasure in them. To such the Word of God is the only source of comfort, and this our old people are well supplied with.

The report of our treasurer will afford an insight into the financial condition of our institution.

We are happy to report that the long wished for orphanage, in connection with our Home for the aged, is now a reality. On Sunday, July 12, the beautiful building was dedicated and set apart for its noble work. It offers accommodations for 35 to 40 children. The contract price for the building is about $20,000.00. To this must be added $1,000.00 for architect's fees, $700.00 for grading and $1,300.00 for furniture and fixtures, making the whole cost about $23,000.00. Our appeal for assistance met with such a liberal response that we now have an indebtedness of only about $3,000 and this is fully covered by a claim of $3,500.00 still due us from the Christina Rudolf estate. The new building is therefore in fact free of debt.

Since our last report we have received 4 boys and 1 girl. We have returned to parents or other relatives 3 children. At present there are in the Home 5 boys and 3 girls. One girl was confirmed, and is now working in the Home. We hope in a few years to solve the problem of domestic help for the Home, by employing our own girls as servants.

At our last meeting, two days after the dedication, there were no less than 10 applications for the reception of children, of which however only 6 could be favorably acted on. The new institution evidently meets an actual want. At present we are getting as a rule $1.00 per week for each child; but among those received at the last meeting there are a number for whom no one seems to have any responsibility and which we will endeavor to place in Christian families as soon as opportunity offers.

So soon as the orphan family has moved into the new building, the institution will begin its own household. There should from this time also be a separate appropriation from the general treasury for its support.

From the Deaconess Motherhouse at Philadelphia we were granted an additional Sister for the management of the orphanage, which we recognize as a great favor. The Deaconess is already at her post. May God bless her labors!

In conclusion we would mention the fact that the term of office of Rev. H. J. Reiman and Mr. Christian Zies as members of the Board has expired.

H. J. SCHUH, *Pres.*,
E. F. A. DITTMER, *Sec.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

July 26, 1906, to July 21, 1908.

Receipts:

Balance July 26, 1906	$9,817 58	
From General Treasury	4,150 00	
Boarding	768 00	
From anniversary	534 63	
Interest	424 07	
Sundries	263 63	
Legacies	5,165 00	
Entrance fees	970 00	
Moneys from inmates, on deposit	1,629 02	
Donations	76 25	
		$23,798 18

Expenditures:

Returned to General Treasurer	$12 00	
At anniversary	90 15	
Household	2,376 60	
Repairs	335 63	
Furniture and fixtures	204 20	
Sundries	480 66	
Telephone	1 90	
Improvements	1,177 29	
Money loaned to Orphans' Home	2,409 28	
Funerals	63 50	
Labor	129 80	
Printing	9 75	
Light and fuel	407 84	
Mary J. Drexel Home	600 00	
Salaries	225 00	
Money paid to Orphans' Home	7,251 90	
Money refunded to inmates	93 50	
		$15,869 00
Gross balance		$7,929 18

Assets.

Cash as above	$7,929 18	
Money loaned to Orphans' Home	2,409 28	
		$10,338 46

Liabilities.

Endowment fund	$6,423 47	
To inmates, money on deposit	1,967 52	
		$8,390 99
Net balance		$1,947 47

CHR. ZIES, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT — ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN ORPHANS' HOME.

To July 20, 1908.

Receipts.

Donations	$13,062 72	
Legacies	7,429 00	
Money borrowed	4,909 28	
Interest	18	
Anniversary receipts	417 79	
		$25,818 97

Expenses.

Interest	$52 09	
Anniversary expenses	93 71	
Building	21,513 60	
Tuition	162 87	
Sundries	11 25	
Insurance	144 00	
Traveling expenses	22 80	
Improvements	717 84	
Furniture and fixtures	1,111 82	
Printing	8 40	
Balance on hand	1,980 59	
		$25,818 97

CHRISTIAN ZIES, *Treas.*

PASTORS' AND TEACHERS', WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

To the Hon. Ev. Lutheran Synod of Ohio and Other States:

1. It is with gratitude to God that we may again report a continued success of the plan adopted by Synod for the maintenance of this fund.

2. The Committee's Report for Revision of Rules and Regulations governing the Board of Aids has been submitted to the various Districts for consideration.

In Article II thereof, the lay members added to the Board by Synod in Michigan City, six years ago, have been omitted.

Owing to the collections to be furnished by the congregations, these lay members should be retained on the Board.

3. Since the treasury has recently been increased through a legacy, would it not be wise to arrange for — perhaps $1,500 or $2,000 of the money to be made interest bearing for the fund?

4. Since the terms of office of Rev. J. Bauch, Teacher H. Zimmermann, and Mr. John Nieman have expired, an election is necessary.

In the name of the Board,

J. BAUCH, *Treasurer.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance in treasury July 20, 1906	$893 09
Total receipts to July 14, 1908	9,664 39
Total	$10,557 48
Expenditures during same period of time	7,528 50
Balance in treasury July, 1908	$3,028 98

The following persons received support for the past two years:—

Mrs. H. Huebner, Detroit, Mich	$150 00
Rev. C. Meyer, Afton, Minn	300 00
Rev. W. M. Sibert, Brandywine, W. Va	200 00
Mrs. Ida Linsenmann, Galion, Ohio	200 00
Mrs. Ada Reiner, Canal Winchester, Ohio	100 00
Rev. H. Willert, Grove City, Ohio	200 00
Teacher C. B. Gaertner, Toledo, Ohio	150 00
Mrs. Alwine Witte, Beach Ridge, N. Y	300 00
Rev. A. Vockrodt, Aurora, Ill	200 00
Mrs. J. Stumpf, Ft. Wayne, Ind	200 00
Mrs. S. Hohls, Pemberville, Ohio	200 00
Mrs. Fr. Zur Muehlen, Dayton, Ohio	150 00
Rev. G. T. Cooperrider, Columbus, Ohio	400 00
Rev. J. O. Hoffman, Lima, Ohio	200 00
Mrs. M. E. Swinehart, New Lexington, Ohio	100 00
Teacher J. F. Bergener, Columbus, Ohio	150 00
Rev. O. Priwer, Grove City, Ohio	100 00
Rev. S. J. Winkler, Saginaw, Mich	200 00
Mrs. C. Deiss, Detroit, Mich	100 00
Rev. F. W. A. Liefeld, Waverly, Ia	150 00
Rev. H. Bock, West Depere, Wis	200 00
Mrs. C. Molthan, Mars, Pa	200 00
Mrs. F. W. Damrow, Burlington, Wis	200 00
Mrs. A. W. Wendt, St. Paul, Minn	200 00
Rev. A. F. H. Gebhard, Wausau, Wis	200 00
Mrs. Anna Ebert, Pittsburg, Pa	250 00
Mrs. Susan Carter, Baltimore, Md	200 00
Mrs. E. G. Tressel, Columbus, Ohio	200 00
Mrs. W. M. Kibler, Baltimore, Md	200 00
Mrs. E. Hunziker, Cardington, Ohio	150 00
Mrs. Rosa Muench, Bridgewater, S. Dak	175 00
Mrs. C. H. Rohe, Columbus, Ohio	100 00

Rev. G. L. Hunt, Newton, N. C.	100 00
Mrs. G. Loewenstein, Holland, Ind.	175 00
Mrs. Mary Humberger, Piqua, Ohio	125 00
Rev. A. Horn, Odessa, Wash.	200 00
Mrs. J. Heinzelmann, Fullerton, Md.	50 00
Rev. W. Niebuhr, Grove City, Ohio	25 00
Mrs. J. H. Behrens, Detroit, Mich.	25 00
Dir. F. Beer, Saginaw, Mich.	50 00
Rev. P. Briest, Lake Elmo, Minn.	50 00
Rev. F. J. Theimer, Santa Fe, New Mex.	75 00
Prof. W. Fiebke, St. Paul, Minn.	300 00
Rev. I. J. Rod, Sterling, Colo.	25 00
Teacher Wm. Radke, Richmond, Ind.	25 00
Mrs. Louise Gebhardt, Bucyrus, Ohio	15 00
Mrs. J. F. Oertel, Fairfield, Wash.	150 00
Mrs. H. I. E. Hengist, Youngstown, Ohio	25 00
Rev. H. Rieke, Sumner, Wash.	50 00

J. BAUCH, *Treasurer.*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States:

DEAR BRETHREN: — For the twelfth time this Board is permitted to submit its biennial report. We can accordingly look back upon a period of twenty-four years of uninterrupted activity. While reviewing this space of time, and, at the same time, recounting the continued evidences of God's goodness towards us, we feel constrained to say with the Psalmist: "O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever." Ps. 106, 1. God has overlooked our weakness, He has used our little strength, He has opened wide doors for us to enter and He has richly blessed our efforts, as can be seen from the following statements.

The Lord did not, however, at the same time fail to remind us of the fact that we have no time to lose, but must without delay lay hold of the work, if we would do it before the night comes in which no man can work.

Organization.

On the third day of September, 1906, the Board reduced by action of Joint Synod from seven to five members, met and accomplished an organization by electing the following officers:

Rev. R. E. Golladay, President.
Rev. P. F. Hein, Treasurer of the Mission Funds.
Rev. W. L. Spielmann, Treasurer of the Building Fund.
Rev. J. H. Schneider, Secretary.

Rev. J. C. Schacht, Assistant Secretary.

Rev. R. E. Golladay, Dr. Theo. Mees, Auditing Committee.

Rev. R. E. Golladay, Rev. P. F. Hein, Rev. J. H. Schneider, Executive Committee.

Death.

soon disarranged matters. Rev. J. C. Schacht was able to attend only the first meeting. A serious illness drove him to the hospital where he submitted to a surgical operation. He never fully recovered, but fell asleep in faith on the 29th day of October, 1906. In his removal our Board sustained a heavy loss.

Resignations.

Rev. W. L. Spielmann, having been called to Hickory, N. C., in 1907, resigned as member of the Mission Board and as treasurer of the Building Fund. Owing to a lack of time, Rev. P. F. Hein resigned as treasurer of the Mission Funds.

The Filling of these Vacancies

was accomplished by electing Rev. D. P. Ebert, May 13, 1907, as successor to Rev. J. C. Schacht, and by electing Dr. Theo. Mees, August 5, 1907, as successor to Rev. W. L. Spielmann. Rev. R. E. Golladay was appointed treasurer of the Building Fund. Mr. Fred. J. Heer having agreed to receive and credit the money sent in for the mission treasury, Rev. P. F. Hein consented to continue to act as treasurer of the Mission Funds. Mr. Heer asks no remuneration for his services.

Valuable Aid

was rendered by Rev. D. P. Ebert as assistant secretary during a protracted illness of the regular secretary.

The Growth of our Field

during the past two years has been chiefly in Canada. We have at present congregations in Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. In the United States a door has been opened at Annaheim, Cala. by our veteran, Rev. W. F. Seeger of Pasadena, Cala. A number of families desire a pastor from our Synod.

In general our work has increased, so that we have had almost continually upwards of 90 men at work.

Losses

were sustained as follows: Raton, N. Mex., Trinidad, Colo. and Orlando, Okla. The first two places were served by Rev. F. J. Theimer. His failing health made it necessary to give up first the one and then also the other place. The vacancy could not be filled quickly enough to prevent the people from growing impatient and accepting help from another

synod. Our missionary at Orlando, Okla., was called away by a self-supporting congregation. Before the vacancy could be filled, other parties came and their help was accepted.

The work among the Slovacs had to be discontinued.

Withdrawn.

The brethren Thomas Petersen and M. Mathison withdrew from their mission fields.

Discontinued.

The parochial school at Wyandotte, Mich. having been discontinued, our aid to that congregation ceased.

A Traveling Missionary

was called for Canada. This was done chiefly to supply places already on our list, but not at the time provided with a missionary. This arrangement must very likely be continued until we have a larger supply of men.

A Representative

of the Board visited the Minnesota, the Wisconsin, the Northern, the Western, the English and the Concordia District.

Lenten Collections

were advocated in our church papers, as desired by the Hon. Joint Synod, and brought us a very acceptable sum of money, thus preventing a larger debt than we must now report.

Settled.

Rev. G. M. Schmucker's case, see minutes of 1894 and of 1906, was, upon the advice of the General President, settled by paying Rev. Schmucker $175 in full.

Self-supporting.

The following places have become self-supporting:

1. Baltimore, Md. — Highlandtown.
2. Brewster, Minn.
3. Bulverde-Salado, Texas, by uniting.
4. Carleton, Neb.
5. Drake, N. Dak.
6. Kansas City, Mo.
7. Marietta, Minn.
8. Morris, Minn., by adding other places.
9. Nasonville-Fremont, Wis.
10. Norwalk, Ohio, by being joined to another congregation.
11. Olympia, Wash., by being served by Prof. Hohberger.
12. Plumas, Man. Canada.
13. Regina, Sask., Canada.

Sprague, Wash. was added to another mission field.
14. Walla Walla, Wash.
15. Winnipeg, Man. Canada. P. Tank.

We have thus added fifteen new parishes during the past two years, making a total of 120 parishes in twenty-four years.

The number of self-supporting congregations would certainly have been larger in Canada, if an allwise God had not seen fit to visit the people with an almost total failure of crops last year.

Our present list of missions is as follows:

Augusta, Ky., Rev. Emil O. Wannagat.
Arcola, Canada, Rev. Hans Werner.
Aurora, Oregon, Rev. H. Flathmann.
Arlington-Columbus, Wis., Rev. G. Knoblauch.
Baltimore, Md., Rev. Paul D. Schillinger.
Bender, Sask., Canada, Rev. E. G. Koosmann.
Bethanien, Sask., Canada, Rev. A. Fricke.
Big Falls, Wis.
Bowbells, N. Dak., Rev. B. Wiebe.
Calgary, Alberta, Canada.
Castle Rock, Wash., Rev. Fr. Meinecke.
Castle Shannon, Pa., Rev. O. G. Schoenlein.
Ceresco, Minn., Rev. J. Kroeger.
Chicago, Ill., Rev. D. Kosche.
Columbus, Ohio, Rev. G. W. Lose.
Columbus, Ohio, Rev. W. N. Harley.
Crookston, Minn., Rev. E. Schimpfky.
Crystal Springs, Canada.
Dayton, Ohio, Rev. O. Tressel.
Denver-Globeville, Colorado, Rev. W. Zimmermann.
Detroit, Mich., Rev. Ad. Eberle.
Detroit, Mich., Bethlehem's Congregation.
Dillsborough, Ind., Rev. Luth. Minneman.
Earl Grey, Sask., Canada, Rev. J. A. Reuter.
East Pittsburgh, Pa., Rev. R. Salzwedel.
Edenland, Canada, F. Koosmann.
Farmington, Wash., Rev. Aug. Graebner.
Garrison, N. Dak.
Gifford, Idaho, Rev. A. F. W. Benzin.
Glenwood, Wis., Rev. H. Appel.
Gratwick, N. Y., Rev. A. Eberbach.
Hancock, Minn., Rev. J. C. Abs.
Hettinger County, N. Dak., Student Leinweber.
Karnes City, Texas, Rev. J. Schroeder.
Killaley, Canada, Rev. Fricke.
Longmont, Colo., Rev. W. L. Busch.
Lanigan, Sask., Canada, Rev. Aug. Scheffler.

La Grande, Ore., Rev. Fr. Meske.
Lang, Sask., Canada, Rev. H. Sandermann.
Laurel-Fulton, Md., Rev. H. F. Richards.
Lemberg, Sask., Canada, Rev. C. Pohlmann.
Loveland, Colo., Rev. F. H. Besel.
Madison, S. Dak., Rev. Paul Elsel.
Madison, Wis., Rev. K. O. Salzmann.
Martin's Ferry, Ohio, Rev. B. F. Schillinger.
Massillon, Ohio, Rev. B. L. Westenbarger.
Max, N. Dak., Rev. P. H. Koosmann.
Mercer, N. Dak., Rev. W. L. Keller.
Merrill, Wis., Rev. Geo. Duerrkop.
Minot, N. Dak., Rev. K. Kaminski.
Mott, N. Dak.
Monessen, Pa., Rev. C. J. Waltner.
Mountain Lake, Minn.
New England, N. Dak., Rev. C. Bartels.
New Lexington, Ohio, Rev. Al. L. Swinehart.
New Orleans, La., Rev. F. W. Loewenstein.
Nixon, Texas, Rev. J. F. Christiansen.
North Tonawanda, N. Y., Rev. A. Eberbach.
Odessa-Irby, Wash.
Oshkosh, Wis., Rev. E. G. Kuhlmann.
Portland, Ore., Rev. C. Buechler.
Port Angeles, Wash. Student.
Prosser, Wash., Rev. H. Wittrock, Jr.
Puyallup, Wash., Rev. K. Kilian.
Radison, Sask., Canada.
Regina, Sask., Canada Charge.
Richardton, N. Dak., Rev. Paul J. Haupt.
Rising Sun, Del., Rev. R. J. Wm. Euchler.
Rhein, Sask., Canada, Student Spieler.
Rockville-Redlands, Md., Rev. C. H. Pence.
Saginaw, Mich., Rev. A. Beck.
Salem, Ohio, Rev. G. Harter.
Salem, Oregon, Rev. C. Hopf.
San Antonio, Texas, Rev. J. C. Felger.
Sharon, Pa., Rev. J. Zentner.
Seattle-Georgetown, Wash., Rev. Luther Feeger.
Sheridanville, Pa., Rev. S. H. Mollenauer.
South Baltimore, Md., Rev. E. T. Butz.
South Haven, Mich.
Spokane, Wash., Rev. G. F. Pauschert.
Spring Brooks, N. Dak.
St Francis-Benkleman, Kan., Rev. A. Busse.
Sterling, Colo., Rev. I. J. Rod.
Strassburg, Sask., Canada, Rev. J. Zaetschky.

Strom, Alberta, Canada, Rev. F. Pohlmann.
Swift, Ala., Rev. L. Lindoerfer.
Sycamore Springs, Kan., Rev. P. Wilt.
Tacoma, Wash., Rev. H. Bruss.
Taylorsville, N. C., Rev. R. M. Carpenter.
Toledo, Ohio, Rev. O. A. Bertram.
Turtle Lake, N. Dak., Rev. Aug. Affeld.
Turtle Lake, Wis., Rev. E. Schimpfky.
Vancouver, B. C., Rev. O. T. Just.
Warden, Wash.
Washington, D. C., Rev. F. W. Almendinger.
Weber, Wash.
West Bend, Iowa, Rev. W. Striepe.
Whitemouth, Man., Canada, Rev. J. Oelkers.
Winnipeg, Man., Canada, Rev. G. Spohr.
Winnipeg, Man., Canada, Rev. Paul Kohlmeier.
Winnipeg, Man., Canada, Rev. H. W. Kahre.
Wolfsheim, Sask., Canada, Rev. Peter Petersen.
Zanesville, Ohio. Rev. C. E. Mechling.

Vacancies

exist at present at:

Big Falls, Wis.
Garrison, N. Dak.
Mountain Lake, Minn.
Mott, N. Dak.
Irby, Wash.
Radison, Sask., Canada.
Regina, Sask., Canada Charge.
South Haven, Mich.
Spring Brooks, N. Dak.
Warden, Wash.
West Depere, Wis.
Weber, Wash.

A number of these places have been made vacant by older congregations who have called the missionaries away from their mission field. This causes no little confusion and no little outlay of money.

Time of Office.

The following shows when the term of office expires:

Dr. Theo. Mees.....1908
Rev. P. F. Hein.....1910
Rev. J. H. Schneider.....1910
Rev. D. P. Ebert.....1912
Rev. R. E. Golladay.....1912

Only one member is to be elected this year.

A Suggestion of the Western District.

The following was adopted by the Western District and is herewith submitted to the Hon. Joint Synod:

Resolved: 1. That we disapprove of appointing a superintendent of missions.

2. That we as a district favor the appointing of an executive officer of the Board of Home Missions. The duties of this executive officer should be set forth by the Home Mission Board and submitted to Joint Synod.

Accordingly the Mission Board herewith submits

The Duties of an Executive Officer of the Board of Home Missions.

It shall be the duty of the executive officer to receive all reports and communications intended for the Mission Board, to examine all documents carefully, to classify them and to submit them to the Mission Board.

To act as secretary at the meetings of the Mission Board, keeping accurate minutes of its proceedings, communicating all resolutions to those concerned, and keep track of cases, until they are finally disposed of by the Board, whose attention he is to draw to them from time to time.

To carry on a frequent correspondence with every missionary, giving him the advice of the Board, but also encouraging him or admonishing him or reporting him to the visitator or president of the district, as the case may require and the Board may direct.

To report from time to time in our church papers concerning the condition, the progress and the needs of our home mission work, and to give such information as may be desired and possible.

To visit the different districts while in session, as the Board may direct, and, in general to devote his whole time as directed by the Board to Home Mission work of our Synod.

It is the firm conviction of the Board that the proper person could, in the above described capacity, do very much to help our work along. We, therefore, join in with the Western District in petitioning the Honorable Joint Synod to appoint such an executive officer and to make arrangements for his proper support.

Our Financial Condition.

can be seen from the following statements:

HOME MISSIONS.

Treasurer's Report.

July 1, 1906 to July 1, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

Contributions		$51,989 01
Legacies		1,472 18
Contributions towards Board-Room Furniture		93 50
Loans		5,476 44
Interest—		
Kamper Fund	$374 72	
Wachendorf Fund	6 00	
		380 72
Total		$59,411 85

DISBURSEMENTS.

1. *Salaries, Moving and Traveling Expenses of Missionaries.*

Rev. Aug. Affeld	$661 19
Rev. H. Appel	275 00
Rev. E. H. Albrecht	324 80
Rev. J. C. Abs	249 91
Rev. F. W. Almendinger	170 00
Rev. E. Berthold	196 63
Rev. C. Bartels	787 43
Rev. A. C. Berlin	200 00
Rev. W. Boritzki	406 17
Rev. H. Bock	166 60
Rev. C. Buechler	508 29
Rev. A. Beck	1,040 97
Rev. A. F. W. Benzin	369 96
Rev. O. A. Bertram	283 23
Rev. E. Butz	274 98
Rev. J. Bauch	86 25
Rev. F. H. Besel	695 80
Rev. C. J. L. Benzin	100 00
Rev. H. Bruss' congregation	126 66
Rev. A. Busse	101 35
Rev. J. Buerckle	100 00
Rev. W. L. Busch	75 00
Rev. J. F. Christiansen	771 61
Rev. L. Coffman	67 01
Rev. R. M. Carpenter	119 98
Rev. J. Dingledey	270 80
Rev. J. Doescher (Detroit)	221 50
Rev. J. Duerkop	541 24

Rev. A. Eberle	372 8
Prof. H. K. G. Doermann	50 00
Rev. P. Elsel	218 67
Rev. A. Eberbach	66 25
Rev. H. Fischer	16 68
Rev. J. C. Felger	696 32
Rev. A. Fricke	449 33
Rev. L. Feeger	724 14
Rev. H. Flathmann	454 17
Rev. N. Frueh	360 00
Rev. E. A. Giesel (Columbus and Weyauwega)	199 98
Rev. G. Gehrke	1,461 80
Rev. E. H. Gillmann	66 64
Rev. R. J. Graetz	45 84
Rev. A. F. Graebner	688 83
Rev. H. Graewe	50 00
Rev. E. H. Gerfen	50 00
Rev. E. Haase	33 32
Rev. G. Haas	50 00
Rev. W. N. Harley	360 36
Rev. P. J. Haupt	291 58
Rev. M. C. Hecht (Dayton Mission)	199 98
Rev. G. Harter	391 07
Rev. H. Hofhenke	223 98
Rev. C. Hopf	212 68
Rev. W. Hohberger	122 50
Rev. D. R. Honn	362 48
Rev. A. Horn	208 30
Rev. M. F. Hinz	238 41
Rev. L. G. Jacobs	373 73
Rev. O. T. Just	240 04
Rev. G. Janzig	41 65
Rev. W. L. Keller	654 12
Rev. D. Kosche	295 83
Rev. P. H. Kohlmeier	791 59
Rev. C. Kaminski	387 19
Rev. E. Kemina	54 11
Rev. K. Kilian	689 64
Rev. O. T. Kubitz	594 42
Rev. H. W. Kahre	696 50
Rev. E. G. Koosmann	509 92
Mr. J. Kroeger (Student)	100 00
Rev. P. H. Koosmann	450 00
Rev. G. Knoblauch	194 72
Rev. G. E. Kuhlmann	746 22
Rev. F. W. Loewenstein	218 30
Rev. C. J. Lange	594 67
Rev. L. Lindoerfer	525 00

Rev. G. W. Lose	939 94
Mr. J. Leinweber (Student)	50 00
Rev. F. Meineke	764 26
Rev. M. Mathiessen	382 26
Rev. S. H. Mollenauer	999 94
Rev. C. E. Mechling	840 47
Rev. H. Meske	244 07
Rev. J. F. Miller (Christ Mission)	40 00
Rev. J. Oberhammer	190 55
Rev. J. Oelkers	487 35
Rev. G. Pauschert	705 00
Rev. C. H. Pence	350 76
Rev. Th. Petersen	360 26
Rev. G. A. Pilgrim	138 33
Rev. P. F. Petersen	626 66
Rev. C. Pohlmann and assistant	698 27
Rev. F. Pohlmann	1,510 00
Rev. S. H. Puffenberger	208 31
Rev. I. J. Rod	716 65
Rev. W. Reu	435 65
Rev. H. F. Richards	83 75
Rev. J. A. Rueter	120 00
Rev. W. Striepe	266 63
Rev. E. Schipmann	419 75
Rev. R. A. Salzwedel	41 66
Rev. F. O. Schuh	80 00
Rev. D. E. Snapp	525 00
Rev. C. Schink	145 82
Rev. A. C. Schiff	300 00
Rev. H. Sandermann	779 10
Rev. B. F. Schillinger	549 84
Rev. O. G. Schoenlein	302 82
Rev. W. Schmidt	8 33
Rev. A. Scheffler and assistant	1,517 00
Rev. J. Schroeder	345 48
Rev. A. L. Swinehart	466 74
Rev. E. Schulz	199 96
Rev. W. F. Seeger's congregation	220 00
Mr. F. Spieler, Student	80 00
Rev. O. Sitzler	208 33
Rev. G. Spohr	450 72
Rev. P. D. Schillinger	60 00
Rev. E. Schimpfke	110 00
Rev. G. B. Tejan	33 32
Mr. Th. Tychsen, Student	68 08
Rev. H. Thedinga	287 50
Rev. F. H. Theimer	334 70
Rev. O. Tressel	762 42

Rev. L. F. Tank	70 00
Rev. R. J. Voss	49 98
Rev. C. J. Waltner	600 00
Rev. I. R. F. Wegener	349 95
Rev. H. Werner	749 37
Rev. H. Wittrock	460 48
Rev. O. Wolff	12 50
Rev. A. Wolff	291 60
Rev. B. L. Westenbarger	177 60
Rev. B. Wiebe	20 83
Rev. E. O. Wannagat	30 00
Rev. P. P. Wilt	100 00
Rev. J. Zaetschky	437 50
Rev. A. W. Zell	104 11
Rev. J. Zentner	216 64
Rev. W. Zimmerman	729 48
Moving expenses of missionaries	2,387 41

2. *Expenses to other Persons, who have rendered Services.*

Rev. C. Meyer	$25 00
Rev. J. F. L. Bohnhoff	54 50
Rev. R. E. Reed	71 20
Mr. C. F. Mittler	86 50
Rev. W. Asall	24 00
Prof. C. Ackerman, traveling expenses	6 50
Mr. E. Lehmann, Student, traveling expenses	6 25
Rev. J. Oberhammer, expense bill	39 00
Rev. J. Oberhammer, for Fred Vollmer	19 50
Rev. G. M. Schmucker, Settlement	175 00

3. *Expenses of Mission Board.*

Mileage	$326 07
Salaries of Secretary and Treasurer	400 00
Janitor	10 00
Lutheran Book Concern for liturgies, money barrels, etc.	660 20
Stationery	16 65
Postage	62 98
Box rent	6 00
Board room Furniture	98 77

4. *Various Expenses.*

Overdrawn July 1, 1906	$638 55
Loans paid	2,200 00
Legacies placed	1,472 18
Interest paid	105 00
5. *Balance,* July 1, 1908	648 67
Total	$59,411 85

RESUME.

Receipts		$59,411 85
Expenses	$58,763 18	
Balance	648 67	
		$59,411 85
Indebtedness, July 1, 1908	$5,476 44	
Less balance	648 67	
		$4,827 77
Indebtedness July 1, 1906		2,838 55
Increase of indebtedness		$1,989 22

PAUL F. HEIN, *Treas.*

Station "C", Columbus, Ohio., July 14, 1908.

The Treasurer's books from which these items were taken have been audited and found correct by

THEO. MEES,
D. PH. EBERT,
Auditing Committee.

THE CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

The Treasurer's Report.

July 30, 1906 to July 1, 1908.

The amount of the Fund last Report: (See Minutes of Jt. Synod.)		
Notes and Securities	$42,456 77	
Cash in Treasury	1,305 86	
	$43,762 63	
Less amount deducted by Jt. Synod. (See Minutes, Treas. Report.)	446 00	
	$43,316 63	$43,316 63
New receipts to June 30, 1908:		
Contributions	$10,036 63	
Interest	404 75	
	$10,441 38	
Less expense for the biennium	253 49	
	$10,187 89	$10,187 89
Profit on the sale of Faith church, Chicago, Ills.		253 10
Amount of Fund July 1, 1908		$53,757 62

We have also a deed to a lot in Hazel Park, St. Paul, Minn.

Moneys Refunded from last Report to June 30, 1908.

Astoria, Ore., Zion Cong.	$500 00
Avalon, Pa., Trinity Cong.	480 00
Baltimore, Md., St. James' Cong.	22 14
Cleveland, O., Peace Cong.	239 35
Columbus, O., St. Matthew's Cong.	500 00
Columbus, O., St. Luke's Cong.	300 00
Columbus, O., St. Peter's Cong.	500 00
Columbus, O., Emanuel Cong.	235 00
Crookston, Minn., St. Paul's Cong.	35 00
Dayton, O., Christ Cong.	325 00
Dallas, N. C., St. Peter's Cong.	40 00
Kansas City, Mo., St. John's Cong.	250 00
Knoxville, Tenn., Mission Chapel	50 00
Lanark, Wis., St. John's Cong.	40 00
Lamberton, Minn., Zion Cong.	60 00
Loveland, Col., Zion Cong.	100 00
Madison, Wis., Zion Cong.	300 00
Mt. Lake, Minn., Trinity Cong.	525 00
Olympia, Wash., First Church	1,150 00
Portland, Ore., St. Paul's Cong.	200 00
Spokane, Wash., First Church	656 22
Pontiac, Mich., St. John's Cong.	200 00
San Antonio, Tex., Grace Cong.	300 00
Titonka, Ia., Good Hope Cong.	100 00
Washington, D. C., St. Matthew's Cong.	50 00
	$7,157 71

The following Congregations have loans from the Fund:

Alpena, Mich., St. Matthew's Cong.	$214 89
Baltimore, Md., St. James' Cong.	82 18
Baltimore, Md., Faith Cong.	1,650 00
Baltimore, Christ Cong.	2,500 00
Brookfield, Minn., Trinity Cong.	200 00
Canton, Ohio, Zion Cong.	304 30
Chicago, Ill., Salvation Army, (through sale)	3,700 00
Chicago, Ill., Grace Cong.	1,850 00
Cleveland, O., Peace Cong.	50 48
Columbus, O., St. Matthew's Cong.	1,500 00
Columbus, O., St. Luke's Cong.	700 00
Columbus, O., St. Peter's Cong.	1,535 00
Columbus, O., Emanuel's Cong.	65 00
Colfax, Wash., Peace Cong.	300 00
Castle Rock, Wash., St. Paul's Cong.	200 00
Dayton, O., Trinity Cong.	450 00
Donnelly, Minn., St. John's Cong.	200 00
Detroit, Mich., Grace Mission	1,300 00

Denver, Colo., St. Paul's Cong	500 00
Dickinson, N. D., St. John's Cong	80 00
Franklin, O., St. Paul's Cong	500 00
Floresville, Tex., Ger. Ev. Luth. Cong	500 00
Garrison, N. D., Emanuel Cong	400 00
Georgetown, Wash., Grace Cong	750 00
Hancock, Minn., St. Matthew's Cong	500 00
Kalama, Wash., St. John's Cong	195 00
Kansas City, Mo., St. John's Cong	2,450 00
Kaukauna, Wis., Zion Cong	408 13
Knoxville, Tenn., Mission Chapel	333 20
Killaly, Can., St. Paul's Cong	300 00
Lang, Can., St. John's Cong	500 00
Lanark, Wis., St. John's Cong	151 65
Louise Bridge, Can., St. Paul's Cong	300 00
Loveland, Col., Zion Cong	200 00
Lanigan, Can., Zion Cong	400 00
Mercer, N. D., Immanuel Cong	300 00
Madison, Wis., Zion Cong	1,000 00
Malcolm, N. D., St. John's Cong	300 00
Max, N. D., Peace Cong	500 00
Martin's Ferry, O., Zion Cong	500 00
Minot, N. D., Hope Cong	200 00
Monessen, Pa., Christ Cong	500 00
Oregon City, Ore., Immanuel Cong	500 00
Odessa, Wash., Good Hope Cong	285 00
Olympia, Wash., First Church	550 00
Peninsular, Ore., St. John's Cong	1,008 27
Pontiac, Mich., St. John's Cong	17 00
Pittsburg, Pa., St. Mark's Cong	1,000 00
Renville, Minn., St. John's Cong	68 00
Rhein, Can., Christ Cong	500 00
Rising Sun, St. Paul's Cong	500 00
Salem, Ore., Christ Cong	300 00
Shen. Co., Va., Zion Cong	16 90
Spokane, Wash., First Church	5,750 00
San Antonia, Tex., Grace Cong	2,500 00
Strasburg, Can., St. John's Cong	800 00
Swift, Ala., Trinity Cong	300 00
Tacoma, Wash., Immanuel Cong	129 55
Tonawanda, N. Y., St. Paul's Cong	1,100 00
The Mission Treas	1,500 00
Titonka, Iowa, Good Hope Cong	400 00
Turtle Lake, Wis., Peace Cong	350 00
Toledo, O., Peace Cong	500 00
Tilleda, Wis., Peace Cong	600 00
Whitemouth, Can., Ger. Ev. Luth. Cong	500 00
Winnipeg, Can., Redeemer Cong	500 00

Winnipeg, Can., Cross Cong.	2,000 00
Winnipeg, Can., Christ Cong.	750 00
Washington D. C., St. Matthew's Cong.	950 00
Total in Notes and Mortgages	$51,944 95
*Balance in Treasury	1,812 67
	$53,757 62

R. E. GOLLADAY, *Treasurer.*

Audited and approved, July 18, 1908.

A. PFLUEGER,
THEO. MEES.

With gratitude towards God for His gracious help and with thanks to the brethren for the confidence reposed in us, we remain your humble servants.

R. E. GOLLADAY,
P. F. HEIN,
THEO. MEES,
D. P. EBERT,
J. H. SCHNEIDER.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF JEWISH MISSIONS.

To the Honorable Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and other States. Grace and Peace in Christ Jesus.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The Board into whose care this Honorable Synod intrusted the superintendence of its missionary work among the Israelites of this country, desires to give you, in the following report, an account of its stewardship. True, we are, to some extent, disappointed with the results of the past two years' work in this vastly important field of labor. We cannot claim that we have made any practical advancement in this God-given work during the biennial period of our history just closing, but we can claim that we have lost no ground, and have done some good.

Whether the causes of our non-advancement are to be found in the inability of the Board, or in the difficulties of the work, and the disadvantages under which we labor, your honorable body must determine. But this we claim, we have done what we could. Soon after the adjournment of the 38th convention of Synod, our Board met and reorganized by re-electing the old officers. For the first six months we

*Twice this amount has been appropriated, and three or four times as much applied for.

held frequent meetings. Early in this period, we, as authorized by your honorable body, called one of our brethren to the office of Jewish Missionary, asking him to give his undivided time and strength to missionary work among the Hebrews of this country. Our choice for this work was one of our number eminently fitted in education and spirit for the work, our well known and well tested brother A. R. Kuldell of Allegheny, Pa. But in this well meant, and, as we believe, well directed effort, we were sorely disappointed. Brother Kuldell could not, at that time, be persuaded to accept the call. This left us sorely at sea in our work. We sought, but did not find another man the Board could call to this very responsible and most difficult office. We therefore made provisions for continuing our work as we had been doing before, namely, as a postal mission.

We continued our work in this form during the two years last past, and our work has not been in vain in the Lord, for we have evidences, and testimonies of the blessings of God resting upon our postal mission work among the Jews. But though we be cast down we are not destroyed. The little vessel of Jewish Missions still rides the stormy sea.

Inasmuch as we did not succeed in getting the exclusive service of a man for this work, but still hope to succeed in this, we did not push the postal mission work as vigorously as we did the preceding two years. We took this course because we wished, in a measure to save the Jewish Mission treasury, that it might be in a condition all the better to stand the strain of the work when we do succeed in securing the exclusive service of a man. That the treasury is in such a condition, the treasurer's report will show.

Let no man's ardor and zeal for this work grow cold. God has not yet said that He releases us from our obligations to preach the gospel to the Jews, and no man among us has any right to excuse himself. For many years we hesitated to go to the Christless of other lands, and now God has brought thousands, yea, even millions of the Christless of other lands to our native land and placed them in our midst, and says to us: *"Preach the gospel unto them."* "Feed my sheep." "Feed my lambs."

We know that He has called us to this work. We know His will. We know His command. We know His promises, and there is nought for us to do but to obey. The world scoffs, the flesh shrinks, and the devil raves, but God says: "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature," and promises: "Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world." To us, and to the Jewish Mission work apply the words of the apostle Paul, 1 Cor. 15, 58. "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

We earnestly hope this honorable Synod will continue its permission and encouragement to the Board to call a missionary to this large and practically unoccupied field, laid waste by the blighting frosts of unbelief.

The approximate cost of this work would be about $2,000 per annum. Our Synod is now spending $9,000 to $10,000 per annum on foreign mission work, and it seems but right that we should spend at least $2,000 to $3,000 per annum in this foreign mission work at home.

The time for which three members of the Board were elected, expires at this convention of Synod, viz. Revs. O. S. Oglesby and C. V. Sheatsley, and Mr. Ad. Braun. It will therefore be necessary for the Synod to fill the vacancies thus occasioned.

Your brethren in Christ,

O. S. Oglesby, *Pres.*

OUR POSTAL MISSION IN THE LAST BIENNIUM.

In the little time at our disposal for Jewish mission work we could not possibly tabulate our labors and results so as to be able to give a more extensive and detailed account of the numbers and kinds of tracts, localities sent to, and replies received. This would also require too much space. But this much we know that in the last two years we sent out more literature than in any time before. We used to be overstocked, and cramped for space, but now we are entirely cleaned out. Several factors contributed to this efficiency of our Postal Mission.

1. This time we paid a little consideration to the mechanical work of mailing and packing, whilst before as long as a little stipend was paid the writer he felt that personal testimony was his main duty and the work of addressing envelopes by the hour not provided for in the stipend had to go by default.

2. We had the worker right in the house, who was satisfied with the little we gave.

3. We found that instead of a subordinate phase, our Postal Mission deserved to be devoted to the first and most important place in the service. We never thought as much of Postal Mission work as we do now, after two years of energetic trial.

The literature spread was mostly our own.

The Jewish View.
The Jewish Question.
Primitive Christianity and Reform Judaism.
The Creedless Creed.
An Open Letter to the Children of Israel.
Eine Unterredung.
An Address to the Jews on Atonement.

The literature thus sent out stirred up hearts and a correspondence followed in which personal testimony could be borne.

Responses would come not only from every state in the Union, but also from every condition of faith and unbelief. A Jewish editor of a Southern daily exchanged several letters. In the first he said, among other things:

"Mingled with my pity is my respect for you, for your pamphlets are

ably written." If we can get the Jew's respect you can get his ear. I had a chance of pulling out some awful stumps in the field of that heart.

A man in Albany, N. Y., implores for the "Open Letters to the Children of Israel" in Hebrew or Jewish. He would like to tell everybody about its contents, but his knowledge of the English was not perfect. "Send it to me in Jewish so that I could read it and let all my friends read it and know the real meaning of every word and be more satisfied."

A Jewish rich merchant of the South wrote: "I will take pleasure in examining and reading the pamphlets and certainly appreciate the courtesy extended. Like you I am a lover of Israel," etc.

A jurist from New York writes: "I wish I had never read your 'Jewish View.' It has upset me more than anything I ever read in all my life." His last letter contained 16 pages closely written.

Your constituency is the whole Jewish population of the United States in its foremost representatives.

"The Jewish Daily News" of New York has given to my pamphlet "The Jewish Question," etc., more than a column in a leading editorial. It gave the gist of the contents and concluded with the remark that "Christianity was thus being smuggled into the hearts of the Jewish youth by this new kind of missionary literature."

"The Jewish View" will now be printed in the eighth edition, the missionary board only needed to pay for 2000 copies thus far. "The Jewish Question" will be printed in the second edition.

"An Open Letter to the Children of Israel" ought to be spread like the others. The third edition is exhausted. The board had to pay for the first edition only. Friends outside the Lutheran Church paid for other editions.

We thus conclude with joy and thanksgiving that we were privileged to do something in the line of spreading the saving knowledge of Christ among Christ's brethren after the flesh.

If we could devote all our time and thought to this one phase of Jewish mission work and never witnessed a baptism, we would have spent our life and talents to the very best advantage. It is foundation work for future building, it is sowing for future harvesting. It is our heart's desire to see our last work on the 53d chapter of Isaiah in a cheap edition in the hands of every Rabbi in the land. May it soon be realized.

Unto Him who so graciously owned and so richly blessed our labors in the past be glory in the church now and for ever more. Amen.

A. R. KULDELL.

FINANCIAL REPORT — JEWISH MISSION FUND.

July 20, '06 to July 1, '08.

Balance July 20, '06	$1,017 73	
Received July 20, '06 to July 1, '08	1,494 26	
		$2,511 99

Expenditures.

Salary — Rev. A. R. Kuldell, July to Nov. '06.....	$125 00	
For literature and distribution of same.....	221 50	
Aid of converts	75 00	
		$421 50
Balance July 1, '08*.....		$2,090 49

OTTO F. MAYER, *Treas.*

The undersigned, appointed to audit the book of treasurer, finds same in accord with this report.

ADOLPH BRAUN.

COLORED MISSIONS.

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

To the Hon. Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—Mindful of the mercy and faithfulness of God, who, though our efforts are feeble, has still been with us and blessed our work, we present a report for the past two years. A growing indifference is manifest in the life of many today and hence the work of missions has not been so zealously carried on as it should have been. With this indifference we have to battle in the work among the colored race in a larger degree than among the white men. Subject to the lowest and vilest of the white man's vices, the negro falls an easy victim to the lust of his flesh and the greed of his fellowmen.

Even among those to whom we look for the support of our work, this indifference seems to be creeping in and hinders progress. Discouragement and disappointment have not been wanting and at times he seems to be right, who says that it is a hopeless task to convert a negro.

Resting upon the promise of God and strengthened by the blessing bestowed, we have continued the work and are enabled to point to some progress.

A superintendent is urgently needed, who shall not only supervise the work done by the one colored man now in the field, but who may also instruct young men for teachers and preachers and seek out new fields, thus extending our work beyond the present limits. The Board has followed the suggestion of Synod, but has not found a man whom we could call to this work.

*Of this amount $803.18 are still tied up in the defunct Enterprise National Bank. To date we have received 25 per cent. in dividends with the prospect of a little more.

Two young men have been under instruction and a third has applied to us, but the pastors on the Board though willing to do what they can, are not able to do the successful work of a superintendent. We urgently request Synod to so direct us in this matter, that our work may be extended.

Rev. Phifer reports from his congregation in Baltimore:

Baptized members	90
Communicant members	54
Total number communed	200
Sunday school	70
Confirmations	10
Baptisms	15
Marriages	10
Burials	5

A class of 10 is now being prepared for confirmation. The congregation has contributed toward its support $210. He has also preached several times in a colored settlement in an adjoining county and we are encouraged to continue the work there.

The following is the biennial report of our treasurer, Mr. A. G. Snyder:

Rev. Wm. Hartlage, having accepted a call to Ohio, resigned as a member of the Board. With the approval of the General President of Synod Rev. O. C. Mees was elected to fill the unexpired term. This term expires at this meeting of Synod. In the name and by the authority of the Board.

J. F. MUELLER.

1906.				
June	1.	To balance	$745 77	
		To pastors, teachers and others	588 04	
		To Mr. Fred J. Heer	1,295 98	
				$2,629 79
		To Rev. Phifer (25 months)	$1,000 00	
		To Rent, parsonage (25 months)	400 00	
		To ground rent	120 00	
		To repairs	32 40	
		To insurance (5 years)	12 00	
		To traveling expenses and sundries	25 20	
		To Lutheran Book Concern	6 04	
				$1,595 64
1908.				
June	16.	To balance		$1,034 15

A. G. SNYDER, *Treas.*

June 30, 1908. Audited and found correct.

J. F. MUELLER.
O. C. MEES.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BOARD OF NEGRO MISSIONS.

I. The object of this Board is to regulate, supervise and promote the mission work among the people of the colored race.

II. The organization of the Board shall consist of five members, elected by Synod for a term of six years in such a manner that at one meeting two, at the next meeting two, and the third meeting one member be elected. After the meeting of Synod the Board shall elect from its members:

a) A President who shall preside at all meetings and call extra meetings.

b) A Treasurer who shall receive and pay out monies as directed by the Board.

c) A Secretary who shall carry on all correspondence and keep accurate minutes of the Board.

Vacancies occurring during the term shall be filled by the Board with the approval of the General President.

III. The duties of the Board are:

a) To call a superintendent for the work who shall have charge of all missions wherever the work may be established under the supervision of the Board.

b) To call ministers for the work among the colored race and to assist in the organization and maintenance of congregations and schools.

c) The Board may grant aid to needy congregations in the support of their work after thorough examination of the circumstances and needs.

The meetings of the Board shall be held monthly.

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

REPORT OF TREASURER FROM AUGUST 3, 1906— JULY 28, 1908.

To the Honorable Joint Synod of Ohio:

The undersigned Foreign Mission Treasurer wishes to submit the following report:

1. It is gratifying to note the substantial increase in the receipts of Foreign Missions also in the last two years. From the meeting of Joint Synod in Fremont, 1904, to the meeting in Columbus, 1906, $10,335.85 was received. From the time of the last report to July 28, 1908, $13,383.85, an increase of more than $3,000 in two years.

2. Very commendable is that phase of mission activity which has as its aim the support of a particular branch of mission work. Following this plan, the professors and students of Capital University have undertaken the support of a native pastor in India. Certain congrega-

tions, for example Rev. Schneider's, Columbus, Ohio, that of teachers; Rev. Kuldell's, Allegheny, Bible-women; others again orphan girls and boarders. Such personal relations must stimulate the interest for mission work in general. It would be deplorable should the existing financial and industrial depression cause a decrease in contributions for Foreign Missions, particularly since India is again in the throes of a periodical famine.

3. Furthermore I wish to call the attention of Synod to one point. According to a resolution of Joint Synod, only monies for the Hermannsburg Mission are to be receipted in our church papers. Since then contributions for other mission societies have been forwarded to me by some pastors and the failure to note these in the papers has been the cause of complaint and dissatisfaction. Your honorable body will please decide which course is to be pursued in the future.

Another point deserves mention. From time to time pastors have sent collections directly to Hermannsburg or other places and have asked me to receipt such moneys altho they have not passed through my hands. Following the instruction of our worthy President, I therefore inserted a notice in our papers to the effect that I would only receipt monies which had been sent to me.

May our great Lord and Master continue to pour out His blessing upon this work.

Respectfully submitted,
A. W. WERDER, *Treas.*

From Joint Synod Meeting in Columbus, August 29, 1906 to July 28, 1908.

RECEIPTS.

August 3, 1906. Amount in bank.....	$515 47	
July 28, 1908. Monies received since August. 3, 1906.	13,432 85	
		$13,948 32

EXPENSES.

Per Drafts (1-21).....	$11,027 39	
July 28, 1908. Money on Deposit.....	2,920 93	
		$13,948 32

A. W. WERDER, *Treas.*

Audited and approved,
F. J. HEER,
GEO. K. LEONARD,

REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD.

To the Honorable Joint Synod of Ohio and other States.

DEAR BRETHREN:—The past two years were marked by important changes in matters pertaining to the publishing interests of synod. The accomplishment of these changes together with the regular course of busi-

ness made the biennium a busy one for the board and one fraught with great responsibility and anxiety. We believe, however, that the changes made will make possible a better supervision of publication matter in synod as well as insure a greater financial gain when the new order of things have once become fully systematized and established.

1. In accordance with authority conferred by synod the sale of the printing and binding departments was effected, Mr. F. J. Heer being the purchaser. The following were the conditions under which the sale was made:

First. That the printing department be offered for sale to Mr. F. J. Heer on the basis of an inventory taken by three disinterested parties, one of whom shall be appointed by the publication board, one by Mr. F. J. Heer and the two thus appointed to choose the third; and that the inventory then taken shall constitute the price of the plant.

Secondly. That the rentals to be asked of Mr. Heer shall be at least 9 per cent. on the value of the property appraised at a fair valuation.

Thirdly. That the board is ready to enter into a contract with Mr. Heer to do synod's work according to figures to be determined upon; and that if at any time the board feels dissatisfied either with the figures of the contract or with the work done, it shall be at liberty, on due notice, to get its work done elsewhere.

Fourthly. That in case either one of the above propositions be rejected the entire offer thereby becomes null and void, and that then a new estimate of values will have to be made, in case negotiations are to be continued.

The total amount of the sale thus effected was $24,653.32, distributed as follows:

Merchandise	$5,196 50	
Machinery	19,059 27	
Furniture and fixtures	397 55	
		$24,653 32

2. In accordance with further authority conferred by synod the board also proceeded to the erection of a new building on the front of the property on Main street. The building which now stands completed is a brick structure, three stories high, with walls of ample strength to allow the addition of two or three stories, if this should at any time be desired in the future. There are three storerooms on the first floor, all of which are for rent as is also the entire third floor, the Book Concern occupying the entire second floor. The F. J. Heer Printing Company has leased the entire third floor and one storeroom. The total cost of the new structure is about $35,000.

3. The entire rear building has been leased to the F. J. Heer Printing Company for five years, with the option of renewal for another five years under certain conditions. The rental is $200.00 monthly.

4. The changed condition brought about by the sale of the printing

department to Mr. Heer, the former manager, necessitated the election of a new manager of the Lutheran Book Concern. The election resulted in the choice of Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, who assumed his duties the first of June, 1907.

5. *Resignations.* Rev. H. J. Schuh having resigned as editor of the home department of the Kirchenzeitung, Prof. Wm. Schmidt was appointed in his place, Dec. 12, 1906. Rev. W. N. Harley also resigned as editor of the home department of the Standard. Rev. G. W. Lose was appointed to take his place.

6. *New edition of books.* A new and revised edition of the Agende is being published, the old edition having become exhausted. Also revised editions of the liturgical parts of the German and the English hymnals are in preparation according to instructions of Joint Synod (See minutes of 1906, p. 74).

7. An index to the various synodical periodicals has been prepared by Rev. A. Beck and is now being published in installments in the Theol. Magazine. The installments are detachable and may afterwards be bound in book form.

8. The statutes governing the board have been revised to meet the exigencies of the new order of things and are submitted to synod for approval.

9. In letting the contract for printing the various periodicals of synod bids were received from four different firms. The bid of the F. J. Heer Printing Company being the lowest on the summary, that bid was taken and a contract entered into for one year. The work having been satisfactory during the first year the contract was renewed for the second.

10. The desire has been expressed that the new hymns of the hymnal with music be added to the church hymnal, Joint Synod is hereby petioned to order the same to be done.

11. The board asks synod whether the general clerical list shall continue to be published in the Almanac.

12. The appendix to the catechism ordered by synod (p. 64), is in preparation.

13. Believing that it would be well to change the form of the "Kinderfreude" from four to eight pages, reduced size, synod is herewith petitioned to order such change to be made.

14. On the graded series of Sunday school books we have the following to report:

a) Books completed:

1. The large charts, German and English.
2. Small colored picture cards, German and English.
3. "Narratives from the Old and New Testament" (Primary), English.
4. "Narratives from the Old and New Testaments" (Secondary classes), English.
5. "Primary Teacher," helper for teaching the chart, English.

6. "Teacher's Guide," helper for teaching the narrative, both grades, English.

b) Books in preparation:

1. Narratives from the Old and New Testaments (Primary), German.

2. Narratives from the Old and New Testaments (Secondary), German. The MS. for this book is ready.

3. Catechisation on the catechism, German and English.

4. History of the kingdom of God, German and English.

15. The following elections are necessary: Editors, four each for the Kirchenzeitung and the Standard, and one each for the Theol. Zeitblaetter, Theol. Magazine, Kinderfreude, Lutheran Child's Paper and Little Missionary; also three members of the publication board to succeed Mr. Fred Snyder and Revs. C. C. Hein and J. Sheatsley.

J. SHEATSLEY, *Secretary.*

Columbus, O., July 21, 1908.

STATUTES OF THE PUBLICATION BOARD OF LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN OF THE EV. LUTHERAN JOINT SYNOD OF OHIO AND OTHER STATES.

Presented for Approval.

Art. I. Name.

The name of the Board shall be Publication Board of the Lutheran Book Concern of the Ev. Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and other states.

Art. II. Membership.

The Board shall consist of nine members, at least three of whom shall reside in Columbus, Ohio. Of these members, five shall be pastors, one a teacher, and three laymen, of whom one must understand bookkeeping.

Art. III. Election of Members.

At each biennial convention of Joint Synod the required number of members shall be elected for six years to succeed those whose time of office has expired.

Art. IV. Organization.

At its first meeting after each regular convention of Joint Synod the Board shall organize by electing a president, secretary, and executive committee, consisting of three.

Art. V. Functions of the Board.

a) In General:

1. It shall be the duty of this Board to direct and oversee the entire Book Concern.

2. A summary statement of the work and business of the entire Book Concern, together with a report of the more important transactions of the Board, shall be presented to Joint Synod at its regular biennial conventions.

b) In Particular:

1. All contracts on publications shall be made by the Board.

2. This Board shall decide on the desirability of the publication of a book or pamphlet, but shall not publish any book or pamphlet until the theological faculty of Capital University shall have examined and approved its doctrinal character.

3. The manuscripts for school books, however, must be submitted for examination to the faculty of the Normal School at Woodville, Ohio.

4. In case a member of the Board should resign or in any way be prevented from fulfilling his duties, the Board in connection with the President of Joint Synod shall fill the vacancy, the person thus appointed to serve until the next meeting of Joint Synod.

5. This Board shall meet at least once every three months. The regular meetings are to be held at such time and place as may be agreed upon at the meeting immediately preceding. Special meetings called by the President and Secretary may be held whenever it is deemed necessary.

Art. VI. The Manager.

1. The Manager shall be elected by the Board.

2. The Manager shall be subject to the Board and accountable to the same for all his transactions.

3. The Manager shall have the immediate superintendency of the Book Concern and the control of all its employes. He shall have charge of all matters pertaining to the buildings, repairs, collections of rents, payment of taxes and the like.

4. Repairs requiring immediate attention shall be ordered by the Manager. Other repairs and improvements are subject to the decision of the Board.

5. Besides the publications of Synod the Manager shall keep on hand books in constant demand, and for books not on hand he shall fill orders whenever possible.

6. The Manager shall send out statements to all debtors at least once every three months.

7. The Manager shall employ all help needed, yet the appointment of the chief clerk, and the bookkeeper shall require the approval of the Board; and whenever additional help implies an additional expense, the fact must be reported to the Board at its next meeting for approval. The Manager and bookkeeper shall be placed under bond.

8. Semi-annually and at such other times as the Board may decide, the Manager shall submit a general report of the business.

9. In case either party, the Manager or the Board, desires to end the contract, two months' notice must be given to the other party.

10. In case, however, the Manager is guilty of misdemeanor or gross mismanagement, he may be removed by the Board without previous notice.

11. The salaries or wages of all persons employed in the Book Concern shall be fixed by the parties authorized to employ them.

12. In case of removal, sickness or disability of the Manager of Book Concern, the Board shall be empowered to appoint the acting manager.

REPORT ON THE KIRCHENZEITUNG.

On the part of the different editors of the *Kirchenzeitung* it is proper to report to the honorable Joint Synod that no efforts have been spared in their endeavor to make the paper as excellent as possible. The undersigned desires to lay the following two questions before the brethren of Synod: 1. Ought not the *Kirchenzeitung* be printed on better paper? 2. Ought not the work on the Kirchenzeitung, especially that of the chief editor, which is often difficult and very responsible, to be better remunerated? Fraternally.

R. C. H. LENSKI.

REPORT OF THE EDITORS OF THE LUTHERAN STANDARD.

To the Brethren of Joint Synod:

Another period of two years has hurried by, and again it becomes our duty to give a brief account of the work entrusted to our hands. We can report some of the results that have been attained, but it should be remembered that the full fruits of a Church paper cannot be expressed in words and figures, and that the labors and responsibilities connected with such periodicals are much greater than many suppose.

Under the new postal law which went into effect a few months ago, the Standard's subscription list had to be thoroughly revised, and by the revision a considerable number of names disappeared from the roll, but the revised list shows a net increase of 322 since the last report, and the present circulation of the paper is 4,462.

Whilst the Standard should have a much larger circulation than it has secured, its financial condition is now more encouraging than ever before. It can report a net gain of $873.81 during the last year, and all things considered the paper is having a fair measure of prosperity. But

its usefulness in the Church could be greatly increased, and throughout Synod there should be a deeper interest in the welfare of her periodicals.

Respectfully submitted,

G. T. Cooperrider.
Edward Pfeiffer.
George H. Schodde.
G. W. Lose.
Editors of Lutheran Standard.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON REVISING AND FIXING THE WORKING OF FORMS AND TEXTS.

The committee appointed by the honorable General President in accordance with the resolution of Joint Synod (Minutes 1906, p. 74), consisting of the General President, Profs. Theo. Mees and E. Pfeiffer and the Revs. M. R. Walter, J. H. Kuhlmann, and C. C. Hein begs to submit the following report.

1. The German Agende was carefully revised, and a number of additions and changes having been made, it was referred to the Publication Board for publication.

2. Inasmuch as the Lutheran Book Concern has a large supply of Eng. Liturgies in stock, only the forms of the morning service (including the communion service), and the evening service were made to conform to the respective forms of the German Agende, and were referred to the Publication Board for publication. These revised forms have been added to the copies of the Eng. Liturgy still in stock.

3. With reference to the large and medium editions of the German and the large edition of the English Hymnbooks the committee resolved that these editions should contain the following:

1. Index.
2. Definitions (Gloria Patri, Kyrie, etc.)
3. Festival sentences.
4. The forms of services. Morning service: First part, second part, the Holy Communion.

Evening service.
Christenlehre.
Public confession and absolution.
Solemnization of marriage.
Burial of the dead.
Burial form to be used by teacher or elder in the absence of the pastor.
Laying of the cornerstone of a church.
The dedication of a church.
The consecration of a cemetery.
Opening of Synod.

Opening of the sessions of Synod.
Closing of Synod.
(All of which forms are to be printed with music).
Baptism in cases of necessity.
5. Hymns.
6. Pericopes (in the following order: Antiphone, Epistle, Gradual, Gospel.)
7. Passion history.
8. Augsburg Confession.
9. Prayers.
10. Two tables of Psalms.
11. Hymns for the Pericopes.
12. Index to tunes.
13. Index to hymns.

The manuscripts are being prepared at present, the English by Prof. E. Pfeiffer and the German by Rev. C. C. Hein.

4. The pocket edition of both German and English hymnbooks are, as far as the forms are concerned, to have only the order of the morning service and the evening service, these, however, without music.

5. With reference to the English and German pocket liturgy the committee resolved to postpone their publication until the new German Agende has been published.

6. The German and English catechisms will be brought into conformity as soon as a new edition becomes necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

THEO MEES, *Chrm.*
C. C. HEIN, *Sec.*

REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1907.

I.

Statement of Ledger at Close of Year.

DR.

Merchandise	$2,055 46
Cash	347 26
Labor	38,328 27
Expense	1,442 99
Freight and drayage	1,105 76
Expressage	2,532 03
Postage	1,908 38
Interest	1,427 55

Insurance	452 85	
Gas	497 00	
Coal	1,038 59	
Taxes	796 36	
Telephone	53 05	
Water	48 60	
Real estate	41,829 15	
Machinery	25,065 10	
Furniture and fixtures	1,826 10	
Theologische Zeitblaetter	15 21	
Theological Magazine	156 10	
Primary Lesson Leaves	117 81	
Ohio National Bank	222 05	
Accounts receivable	17,202 07	
		$138,467 74

CR.

Discount	$310 16	
Rent	151 00	
Capital	114,799 97	
German Professorship	3,215 00	
Kirchenzeitung	1,491 52	
Standard	92 66	
Kinderfreude	268 45	
Child's Paper	175 81	
Little Missionary	125 68	
Quarterly Lesson Leaves	85 45	
Loans, notes payable	16,988 00	
Accounts payable	764 04	
		$138,467 74

II.

Statement of Profit and Loss.

GAINS.

Merchandise —			
Inventory May 31, 1907	$51,506 17		
Merchandise sold	120,967 58		
		$172,473 75	
Inventory May 31, 1906	$47,255 64		
Merchandise bought	75,767 40		
		$123,023 04	
			$49,450 71
Discount			310 16
Rent			151 00
Kirchenzeitung			1,491 52
Standard			92 66
Kinderfreude			268 45
Child's Paper			175 81

Little Missionary			125 68
Lesson Leaves			85 45
			$52,151 44

LOSSES.

Machinery —			
Inventory May 31, 1906	$25,065 10		
Inventory May 31, 1907	23,692 59		
		$1,372 51	
Furniture and Fixtures —			
Inventory May 31, 1906	$1,826 10		
Inventory May 31, 1907	1,756 30		
		$69 80	
Labor		38,328 27	
Expense		1,442 99	
Freight and drayage		1,105 76	
Expressage		2,532 03	
Postage		1,908 38	
Interest		1,427 55	
Insurance		452 85	
Gas		497 00	
Coal		1,038 59	
Taxes		796 36	
Telephone		53 05	
Water		48 60	
Theologische Zeitblaetter		15 21	
Theological Magazine		156 10	
Primary Lesson Paper		117 81	
			$51,362 86
Gain			$788 58

III.

Statement of Ledger at Beginning of Year June 1, 1907.

DR.

Merchandise	$51,506 17	
Cash	347 26	
Real estate	41,829 15	
Machinery	23,692 59	
Furniture and fixtures	1,756 30	
Ohio National Bank	222 05	
Accounts receivable	17,202 07	
		$136,555 59

CR.

Capital	$114,799 97	
Gain	788 58	
	$115,588 55	

German professorship	3,215 00	
Notes payable	16,988 00	
Accounts payable	764 04	
		$136,555 59

June 24, 1907.

The above report has been audited and found correct.

GEO. K. LEONARD,
S. A. SINGER,
Committee.

REPORT OF PUBLICATION BOARD ON SALE OF PRINTING DEPARTMENT, BINDERY AND ELECTROTYPE FOUNDRY TO F. J. HEER AND TRANSFER OF REMAINING PROPERTY TO A. H. DORNBIRER, MGR.

I.

Assets and Liabilities Reported by F. J. Heer, Mgr.

DR.

Merchandise	$51,506 17	
Cash	347 26	
Real Estate	41,829 15	
Machinery	23,692 59	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,756 30	
Ohio National Bank	222 05	
Accounts Receivable	17,202 07	
		$136,555 59

CR.

Capital	$115,588 55	
German Professorship	3,215 00	
Notes Payable	16,988 00	
Accounts Payable	764 04	
		$136,555 59

II.

Statement of Profit and Loss.

LOSSES.

Merchandise Inventory of F. J. Heer, Mgr.	$51,506 17	
Merchandise Inventory turned over to A. H. Dornbirer, Mgr	44,219 43	
Balance	$7,286 74	
Merchandise sold to F. J. Heer for	5,196 50	
Loss on sale		$2,090 24

Machinery Inventory of F. J. Heer, Mgr.....	$23,692 59	
Machinery sold to F. J. Heer for.....	19,059 27	
Loss on sale.....		$4,633 32
Furniture and Fixture Inventory of F. J. Heer, Mgr.	$1,756 80	
Furniture and Fixture Inventory turned over to A. H. Dornbirer, Mgr.....	1,112 80	
Balance	$643 50	
Furniture and Fixtures sold to F. J. Heer for....	397 55	
Loss on sale.....		$245 95
Lost Account		12 55
Expressage		45 35
Gas		45 50
Freight and Drayage		13 27
Expense		25 00
Total		$7,111 18

III.

Statement of Ledger, June 1, 1907.

For Lutheran Book Concern, A. H. Dornbirer, Mgr.

DR.

Merchandise		$44,219 43	
Cash		218 14	
Real Estate		41,829 15	
Furniture and Fixtures.....		1,112 80	
Ohio National Bank		222 05	
Notes Receivable		24,653 32	
Acounts Receivable $17,202 07			
Lost Account 12 55			
		17,189 52	
			$129,444 41

CR.

Capital	$115,588 55		
Less Losses	7,111 18		
		$108,477 37	
German Professorship		3,215 00	
Notes Payable		16,988 00	
Accounts Payable		764 04	
			$129,444 41

Audited Dec. 18, 1907 and found correct, and correctly entered on the Ledger.

GEO. K. LEONARD,
S. A. SINGER,
Committee.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE LUTHERAN BOOK CONCERN FOR THE YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 1908.

I.

Statement of Ledger at Close of Year.

DR.

Accounts Receivable	$20,698 42	
Merchandise	28,211 07	
Cash	221 01	
Labor	3,801 76	
Expense	1,580 49	
Freight and Drayage	391 29	
Expressage	1,463 10	
Postage	814 51	
Taxes	686 49	
Real Estate	53,677 90	
Notes Receivable	12,903 32	
Interest	690 57	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,557 10	
Discount	2,080 77	
Insurance	681 65	
Gas	26 00	
Coal	84 15	
Telephone	34 40	
Water (Deposit)	10 00	
Theol. Magazine	43 75	
Primary Lesson Paper	80 60	
Ohio National Bank	4,285 58	
Profit and Loss	1,617 58	
		$135,641 51

CR.

Accounts Payable	$17 32	
Rent	2,050 00	
Capital	108,477 37	
German Professorship	3,215 00	
Kirchenzeitung	3,356 64	
Standard	873 81	
Theol. Zeitblaetter	5 05	
Kinderfreude	330 76	
Child's Paper	258 99	
Little Missionary	266 97	
Lesson Leaves	201 60	
Individual Loans	16,588 00	
		$135,641 51

II.

Statement of Profit and Loss Year Ending May 31, 1908.

LOSSES.

Merchandise —		
Inventory May 31, 1907	$44,219 43	
Inventory May 31, 1908	20,332 39	
Loss on Inventory		$23,887 04
Merchandise Sold	$41,760 67	
Merchandise Bought	25,752 31	
Gain on Merchandise		16,008 36
Loss on Merchandise		$7,878 68
Furniture and Fixtures —		
Inventory May 31, 1907	$1,112 80	
Bought during year	444 30	
		$1,557 10
Inventory May 31, 1908		1,025 95
Loss on Furniture and Fixtures		$531 15
Labor		3,801 76
Expense		1,580 49
Freight and Drayage		391 29
Expressage		1,463 10
Postage		814 51
Taxes		686 49
Interest		690 57
Discount		2,080 77
Insurance		681 65
Gas		26 00
Coal		84 15
Telephone		34 40
Theol. Magazine		43 75
Primary Lesson Paper		80 60
Accounts to Profit and Loss		1,617 58
		$22,436 94

GAINS.

Inventory of Plates	$1,654 76
Rent	2,050 00
Luth. Kirchenzeitung	3,356 64
Luth. Standard	873 81
Theol. Zeitblaetter	5 05
Kinderfreude	330 76
Child's Paper	258 99

Little Missionary	266 97	
Lesson Leaves	201 60	
		$8,998 58
Loss		$13,488 36

III.

Statement of Ledger at Beginning of Year, June 1, 1908.

ASSETS.

Accounts Receivable	$20,698 42	
Merchandise Inventory	20,332 39	
Cash	221 01	
Real Estate	53,677 90	
Notes Receivable	12,903 32	
Furniture and Fixtures, Inventory	1,025 95	
Water (Deposit)	10 00	
Ohio National Bank	4,285 58	
Plates, Inventory	1,654 76	
		$114,809 33

LIABILITIES.

Accounts Payable	$17 32	
Capital	$108,477 87	
Less Loss	13,488 36	
	94,989 01	
German Professorship	3,215 00	
Individual Loans	16,588 00	
		$114,809 33

Ten per cent of the net gain for the year 1907 amounting to $788.58 has been set aside for the German Professorship at Capital University making the liabilities in the above report stand as follows:

LIABILITIES.

Accounts payable		$17 32
Capital as reported above	$94,989 01	
Less German Professorship Fund	78 85	
		94,910 16
German Professorship Fund as reported above	3,215 00	
Plus 10% of $788.58	78 85	
		3,293 85
Individual Loans		16,588 00
		$114,809 33

Above report audited July 18, 1908 and found correct.

GEO. K. LEONARD,
S. A. SINGER,
Committee.

For the better understanding of the foregoing report, attention is called to the fact that the same is divided into three parts and that, to obtain a correct insight into the business, it will not do to draw conclusions from the one part without regard to the others.

It will probably help some to understand the report better if a few of the items under "Statement of Ledger at Close of Year" are here briefly explained.

The item "Merchandise" represents the inventory of the previous year ($44,219.43) plus merchandise bought ($25,752.31) less merchandise sold ($41,760.67) during the last year.

The item "Expense" includes all such expenses for which no special ledger account is kept; for instance, stationery, annual catalog, commission to collecting agency, traveling expenses, boxes and wrapping materials, royalties, etc.

The item "Real Estate" represents the value of the lots, the value of the rear building and $12,000 which have been paid on the new building.

The item "Discount" represents the difference between discounts given and discounts taken.

The item "Profit and Loss" represents the aggregate of such accounts as were considered worthless.

The item "Accounts Payable" represents bills, (for instance, for merchandise) which remained unpaid at the close of the year.

The item "Capital" represents the total investment less the losses.

"Individual Loans" represents the money borrowed from individuals and for which notes have been given.

It will be noticed in part II of the report that a very material reduction was made in the inventory of the stock. Heretofore stock on hand was inventoried, as a rule, at its cost price. This year all dead stock and such stock which in the course of years had consumed itself was eliminated from the inventory. This explains why in the report the business shows a loss, while in reality it was operated at a profit though the latter cannot be exactly computed under the circumstances.

I firmly believe that if the members of Synod will give the Book Concern their orders not only for the books which we publish but also for those published by others, the Book Concern will be able to show a profit of at least six to eight thousand dollars annually.

The nice profit which some of our periodicals made during the year is largely due to the fact that many old and large subscription accounts were collected. Hence it must not be inferred that such a profit can be made every year. Such annual profits will only be possible after the subscription lists have been very materially increased. It is a deplorable fact that not only our weeklies, but also our Sunday-school papers, especially the "Kinderfreude," have not as large a circulation as they should have in a Synod the size of ours.

For the convenience of many members, a simpler form of the regular financial statement is appended hereto:

ASSETS.

What the Concern owns, or what the Concern owes to its stockholders (or Synod), for

Accounts Receivable	$20,698 42	
Merchandise	20,332 39	
Cash	221 01	
Real Estate	53,677 90	
Notes Receivable	12,903 32	
Furniture and Fixtures	1,025 95	
Water (Deposit)	10 00	
Ohio National Bank	4,285 58	
Plates	1,654 76	
		$114,809 33

LIABILITIES.

What the Concern owes others, or what the stockholders (or Synod), owe for		
Accounts Payable	$17 32	
German Professorship	3,293 85	
Individual Loans	16,588 00	
		19,899 17
Balance		$94,910 16

This balance is the "Capital," $94,910.16, in the regular financial report, and represents what the Concern owes to its stockholders (or Synod) after all the debts are paid.

The amount due the Concern for the various periodicals issued does not appear in the report, because it can not be ascertained what part thereof is collectable; if added, it would increase the assets by that amount. On August 1st, 1908 the different periodicals had the following number of subscribers:

Kirchenzeitung, 7,185.
Standard, 4,462.
Kinderfreude, 6,208.
Child's Paper, 7,392.
Little Missionary, 6,443.
Theologische Zeitblaetter, 367.
Theological Magazine, 284.
Primary Paper, 4,305.
Lesson Leaves, 7,291.

Respectfully submitted,
A. H. DORNBIRER, *Mgr.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SYNOD FROM JULY 23, 1906, TO JULY 20, 1908.

Receipts.

1906.			
July	23.	To balance in treasury	$556 56
Sept.	8.	To cash, Rev. Theo. J. C. Stellhorn of Equalization Fund	16 12
Dec.	14.	To cash, Teach. W. A. Trapp of Mr. Fred. Rogge.	8 70
1907.			
Jan.	10.	To cash, Teach. W. A. Trapp of Mr. H. Rogge..	9 60
	18.	To cash, Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht.	100 00
Feb.	5.	To cash, Northern District, Teach. J. J. Ballmer..	200 00
	10.	To cash, Western District, Teach. W. A. Trapp..	81 70
	15.	To cash, Texas District, Rev. J. C. Felger, (old account)	5 00
	20.	To cash, Western District, Teach. W. A. Trapp..	5 00
April	10.	To cash, Minnesota District, Teach. H. Bammann.	100 00
	22.	To cash, Concordia District, Mr. N. S. Dasher, (old account)	18 75
	22.	To cash, Kansas and Nebraska District, Rev. C. Dagefoerde	50 00
May	6.	To cash, Kansas and Nebraska District, Rev. C. Dagefoerde	15 00
	23.	To cash, Western District, Teach. W. A. Trapp..	65 00
	28.	To cash, Washington District, Rev. G. Koehler....	11 50
June	7.	To cash, First Eng. District, Rev. C. W. Bachman.	100 00
	29.	To cash, Western District, Teach. W. A. Trapp..	55 00
July	7.	To cash, Concordia District, Mr. N. S. Dasher..	35 00
	25.	To cash, Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth....	100 00
	30.	To cash, Northern District, Teach. J. J. Ballmer.	200 00
Aug.	5.	To cash, Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht..	40 00
	8.	To cash, Concordia District, Mr. N. S. Dasher..	30 00
	8.	To cash, Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth....	10 00
	23.	To cash, Concordia District, Mr. N. S. Dasher..	25 00
Sept.	12.	To cash, Concordia District, Mr. N. S. Dasher..	24 30
	16.	To cash, Concordia District, Mr. N. S. Dasher..	30 00
	25.	To cash, First Eng. District, Rev. C. W. Bachman.	100 00
Oct.	16.	To cash, Concordia District, Mr. N. S. Dasher..	5 20
	26.	To cash, First Eng. District, Rev. C. W. Bachman.	190 00
Dec.	19.	To cash, Western District, Teach. W. A. Trapp..	54 80

1908.			
Jan.	10.	To cash, Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth...	100 00
Feb.	10.	To cash, Western District, Teach. W. A. Trapp..	7 00
Mar.	7.	To cash, Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht..	75 65
April	28.	To cash, Texas District, Rev. J. C. Felger.....	25 00
May	25.	To cash, Western District, Teach. W. A. Trapp..	150 00
June	12.	To cash, Western District, Teach. W. A. Trapp..	13 20
	13.	To cash, Wisconsin District, Rev. Theo. Marth..	100 00
	15.	To cash, Washington District, Rev. G. Koehler...	21 00
	22.	To cash, Washington District, Rev. G. Koehler...	11 00
	22.	To cash, Minnesota District, Teach. H. Bammann.	100 00
July	2.	To cash, Northern District, Teach. J. J. Ballmer.	100 00
	16.	To cash, Eastern District, Rev. C. F. W. Brecht..	134 35
July	20.	Total receipts	$3,079 93
	20.	Total disbursements	2,539 87
July	20.	Balance in treasury.....	$540 06

C. NAGEL, *Treas. of Joint Synod.*

Springfield, Ohio, July 20, 1908.

Disbursements.

1906.			
Aug.	29.	By cash to Dr. A. H. Allwardt, voucher 1.....	$24 00
	29.	By cash to Dr. H. Ernst, voucher 2.....	21 00
	29.	By cash to Dr. Wm. Steinman, voucher 3.....	61 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Shuh, voucher 4.....	6 00
	29.	By cash to Prof. Wm. Schmidt, voucher 5.....	21 00
	29.	By cash to Prof. W. D. Ahl, voucher 6.....	16 85
	29.	By cash to Prof. H. K. G. Doerman, voucher 7....	21 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. J. E. A. Doerman, voucher 8.....	14 60
	29.	By cash to Rev. H. Eisenbach, voucher 9.....	15 73
	29.	By cash to Rev. H. P. Dannecker, voucher 10.....	6 50
	29.	By cash to Rev. W. H. Price, voucher 11.....	8 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. O. S. Oglesby, voucher 12.....	6 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. F. W. Gahre, voucher 13.....	32 30
	29.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 14.....	7 20
	29.	By cash to Rev. John Vollmar, voucher 15	8 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. J. H. W. Hoerr, voucher 16.....	7 25
	29.	By cash to Rev. P. Groschupf, voucher 17.....	80 00
	29.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 18.....	5 60
	29.	By cash to Rev. J. F. C. Soller, voucher 19.....	7 20
	29.	By cash to Prof. K. Hemminghaus, voucher 20....	4 80
	29.	By cash to Mr. C. Nagel, voucher 21.....	1 75
Aug.	30.	By cash to Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, voucher 22.....	5 10
	30.	By cash to Rev. D. P. Ebert, voucher 23.....	1 80
	30.	By cash to Dr. H. Busch, voucher 24.....	4 60

1906.			
Sept.	10.	By cash to Rev. W. H. Price, voucher 25.....	25 00
	10.	By cash to Prof. W. D. Ahl, voucher 26.....	25 00
	10.	By cash to Dr. E. Cronenwett, voucher 27.....	8 80
	10.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 28....	50 75
Oct.	15.	By cash to Rev. A. J. Feeger, voucher 29.....	3 30
	15.	By cash to Rev. A. F. Klopfer, voucher 30.....	3 30
	15.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schramm, voucher 31.....	24 00
Nov.	16.	By cash to Teach. G. L. Conrad, voucher 32.....	4 60
Dec.	14.	By cash to Mr. Fred Rogge, voucher 33.....	8 70
1907.			
Jan.	8.	By cash to Rev. J. Kuhlman, voucher 34.....	14 00
	8.	By cash to Rev. C. B. Gohdes, voucher 35.....	17 00
	10.	By cash to Mr. Herm. Rogge, voucher 36.....	9 60
	18.	By cash to Rev. C. F. Allwardt, voucher 37.....	6 10
	18.	By cash to Rev. M. L. Baum, voucher 38.....	8 70
	18.	By cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, voucher 39.....	4 20
	18.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 40.....	7 20
	18.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schuette, voucher 41.....	4 90
	18.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 42.....	6 55
Feb.	10.	By cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, voucher 43.....	7 50
	10.	By cash to Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, voucher 44.....	4 00
	10.	By cash to Teach. W. A. Trapp, voucher 45.....	6 80
	20.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 46.....	5 00
	22.	By cash to Dr. H. Ernst, voucher 47.....	29 00
	26.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 48....	235 79
April	5.	By cash to Dr. H. A. Allwardt, voucher 49.....	16 50
	5.	By cash to Rev. J. M. Senter, voucher 50.....	6 60
	13.	By cash to Rev. J. Kuhlman, voucher 51.....	10 00
	13.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 52....	100 00
	20.	By cash to Dr. F. W. Stellhorn, voucher 53.....	5 00
May	3.	By cash to Prof. K. Hemminghaus, voucher 54....	25 00
	23.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 55....	50 00
	29.	By cash to Teach. G. L. Conrad, voucher 56.....	4 70
	29.	By cash to Rev. W. H. Lehman, voucher 57.....	1 00
June	7.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 58....	100 00
	10.	By cash to Rev. C. B. Gohdes, voucher 59.....	17 00
	15.	By cash to Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff, voucher 60..	10 65
	15.	By cash to Rev. George Diemer, voucher 61.....	8 50
	19.	By cash to Rev. F. H. Ohlrogge, voucher 62.....	9 10
	19.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 63.....	6 75
	19.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schuette, voucher 64.....	4 90
	29.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 65.....	3 75
	29.	By cash to Teach. W. A. Trapp, voucher 66.....	6 85
July	2.	By cash to Dr. E. Cronenwett, voucher 67.....	11 35
	2.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schramm, voucher 68.....	24 00
	2.	By cash to Teach. G. L. Conrad, voucher 69.....	4 70

1907.			
July	2.	By cash to Rev. C. F. Allwardt, voucher 70.....	4 75
	17.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 71....	35 00
	25.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 72....	100 00
	30.	By cash to Mrs. Cath. Lehman, voucher 73.....	200 00
Aug.	8.	By cash to Dr. H. A. Allwardt, voucher 74.....	10 00
Sept.	16.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 75....	54 80
	17.	By cash to Rev. A. C. Schiff, voucher 76.....	15 90
	19.	By cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, voucher 77.....	7 00
	25.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 78....	100 00
Oct.	26.	By cash to Lutheran Book Concern, voucher 79....	81 80
	26.	By cash to Prof. K. Hemminghaus, voucher 80....	125 00
Nov.	15.	By cash to Mr. Fred Rogge, voucher 81.....	8 70
	26.	By cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, voucher 82.....	4 20
Dec.	2.	By cash to Rev. J. Kuhlman, voucher 83.....	12 00
	2.	By cash to Teach. G. L. Conrad, voucher 84.....	5 25
	2.	By cash to Mr. H. Feehrmeyer, voucher 85.....	3 30
	16.	By cash to Rev. L. H. Burry, voucher 86.....	6 85
	16.	By cash to Rev. C. B. Gohdes, voucher 87.....	17 00
	16.	By cash to Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, voucher 88..	5 50
	16.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 89.....	14 40
	18.	By cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, voucher 90.....	4 40
	19.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 91.....	4 80
1908.			
Jan.	8.	By cash to Rev. M. L. Baum, voucher 92.....	10 15
	8.	By cash to Rev. W. E. Schuette, voucher 93.....	4 90
Feb.	10.	By cash to Teach. W. A. Trapp, voucher 94.....	7 00
	29.	By cash to Teach. G. L. Conrad, voucher 95.....	5 25
Mar.	7.	By cash to Rev. H. Reimann, voucher 96.....	35 65
May	8.	By cash to Rev. W. F. Helle, voucher 97.....	7 00
	28.	By cash to Mr. J. A. Roselius, voucher 98.....	17 20
June	12.	By cash to Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt, voucher 99....	5 55
	13.	By cash to Rev. E. A. Boehme, voucher 100.....	7 20
	25.	By cash to Rev. M. C. Hecht, voucher 101.....	4 00
	25.	By cash to Teach. W. A. Trapp, 102.....	6 55
	28.	By cash to Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, voucher 103....	4 20
	28.	By cash to Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff, voucher 104..	10 50
July	7.	By cash to Teach. G. L. Conrad, voucher 105.....	5 25
	8.	By cash to Mrs. Cath. Lehman, voucher 106.....	200 00
	16.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reimann, voucher 107.....	4 00
	16.	By cash to Rev. H. J. Reimann, voucher 108.....	2 00
	16.	By cash to Rev. J. Kuhlman, voucher 109.....	6 00
	17.	By cash to Revs. Diemer and Ernst, voucher 110..	7 60
	18.	By cash to Rev. F. H. Ohlrogge; voucher 111.....	13 30
	20.	By cash to Dr. H. A. Allwardt, voucher 112.....	22 50
		Total disbursements	$2,539 87

BALANCE DUE FROM DISTRICTS ON APPORTIONMENT OF THE JOINT SYNOD FOR 1906-1908.

1908.		
July 20.	Northern District	$150 00
20.	Wisconsin District	140 00
20.	Minnesota District	200 00
20.	Washington District	26 50
		$516 50

Audited and found correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

JOHN BINCKLEY,
JOHN J. SCHWARTZ.

Columbus, Ohio, July 21, 1908.

REPORT OF THE GENERAL INSTITUTION TREASURER.

To the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Ohio and Other States:

BRETHREN: — The biennial report of the General Institution Treasurer is herewith submitted to your honorable body for the term ending June 30, 1908.

While the collections have increased $6,500.75, over the previous term, the expenses have also augmented during the same period. This is partly due to the increase of salaries authorized by Synod at its last meeting and the re-opening of the Normal School at Woodville, the school at Hickory, N. C., and the establishment of the new school at Olympia, Washington.

It must be borne in mind that Synod is doing a vast amount of work in its educational and eleemosynary institutions. and while the appropriations are about the same as they were twenty years ago, the collections have more than doubled during that time, making it possible to meet the obligations more promptly.

The collections however — aside from interest on funds — still fail by some thousands of dollars to cover our expenditures. Now if such is the case while times are prosperous, what may we expect in hard times. It is evident that *either the contributions to this treasury must be increased or greater economy must be exercised.*

The Baughman Fund.

Father Baughman added $1,000.00 more to this fund just before the last session of Synod. He also added another scholarship of $800.00 to the fund of Synod just before his demise last fall. On inquiring of the condition of his health a few weeks before his death, he answered,

"Thank God our health is as good as usual." It was a shock to us upon learning of his sudden passing away. Father Baughman and his estimable wife are surely worthy of extra mention for their untiring zeal and love for Synod.

The Present Debt.

The monies borrowed for this treasury have been reduced $1,450.00 during the past two years. This was due to the large balance on hand in our last report. If the balance had not been so large at that time, it would have been impossible to even reduce this amount owing to the increase in expenses. The debt as such during the last two years has increased $670.11.

Conclusion.

In conclusion, I herewith express my deep appreciation for the confidence reposed in me, during my incumbency as treasurer, and for the many acts of kindness shown me by President Schuette and all of the members of Synod.

Respectfully submitted,

F. J. Heer, *Treas.*

BIENNIAL REPORT—GENERAL TREASURY.

July 1, 1906, to June 30, 1908.

Receipts.

Balance in treasury July 1, 1906			$7,806 33
Credits, as per Kirchenzeitung July 4, 1906, to June 27, 1908, inclusive		$69,180 71	
Rent, Schulze estate		550 00	
Interest on Scholarship Funds		209 00	
Rent, Baughman Farm		169 36	
Rent, Youse Estate		230 00	
New Loans—			
Baughman Schol.	$800 00		
Baughman Fund	1,000 00		
Hauenstein Fund, O. H.	100 00		
Benz Fund, O. H.	50 00		
Benz Fund, C. U.	100 00		
		2,050 00	
			$72,389 07
Total receipts			$80,195 40

Disbursements.

Capital University	$19,883 38
Capital University, interest	2,704 48
St. Paul Seminary	8,787 55

Woodville repairs	$1,650 00		
Students, C. U.	50 00		
Printing	68 00		
Salaries	6,070 00		
Interest	730 00		
Pianos	300 00		
		8,868 00	
Orphans' Home		11,354 60	
Hickory Seminary		3,250 00	
Old Folks' Home		4,150 00	
Olympia Seminary		1,550 00	
Notes cancelled	$1,900 00		
Scholarships paid	1,600 00		
		3,500 00	
Interest		3,725 44	
Miscellaneous		859 33	
Dr. Schuette, salary		3,750 00	
Dr. Schuette, traveling and other expenses		346 05	
Taxes		162 49	
Printing and expressage		1,618 86	
Total disbursements			$74,509 78
Balance on hand July 1, 1908			$5,686 22

Recapitulation.

Received July 1, 1906, to June 27, 1908	$80,195 40
Disbursements July 1, 1906, to June 27, 1908	74,509 18
Balance	$5,686 22

Standing of Debt, July 1, 1908.

Debt July 1, 1906	$60,938 28
New Loans	2,050 00
	$62,988 28
Notes cancelled	3,500 00
Debt July 1, 1908	$59,488 28

Audited July 20, 1908.

GEO. K. LEONARD,
C. C. HEIN,
Auditing Committee.

Funds from which the General Institution Treasury has Borrowed Funds.

Kamper End. Fund (C. U.)		$9,367 96
G. Benz Fund (C. U.)	$100 00	
G. Benz Fund (O. H.)	50 00	
		150 00
Kamper End. Fund (H. M.)		3,122 66
Lizzie Hauenstein Fund (O. H.)		100 00
Kamper End. Fund (F. M.)		3,122 66
Steinmeyer Schol.		800 00
V. Weidner Fund		200 00
J. Hoerz Fund (C. U.)		300 00
H. Birch Fund (G. L. S.)		100 00
Urias Fink Scholarship		800 00
German Lutheran Seminary (U. F.)		200 00
*Baughman Fund (G. L. S.)		23,000 00
Tryphosa Heffner Fund (C. U.)		1,000 00
Tryphosa Heffner Fund (O. H.)		400 00
Mack Fund (C. U.)		200 00
Susanna Bricker (C. U.)		300 00
J. Rush Fund (C. U.)		25 00
Frederick Fund (O. H.)		100 00
Frederick Fund (C. U.)		200 00
Poorman Fund (C. U.)		100 00
Wachendorf Fund (W. & O.)		300 00
Wachendorf Fund (C. U.)		700 00
Wachendorf Fund (H. M.)		50 00
Pemberville Beneficiary Fund		500 00
E. Schmid (C. U.) Fund		2,000 00
Gehritz Fund (C. U.)		100 00
L. V. Fund (C. U.)		500 00
Woodville		1,000 00
Frechtling (C. U.)		100 00
L. V. Annuity Fund (C. U.)		3,000 00
Koch Scholarship		800 00
Schwearer Scholarship		800 00
J. D. Meyer Scholarship		800 00
N. N. (C. B.) Annuity Fund (C. U.)		1,000 00
J. Fuchs Scholarship		800 00
W. Scheid Scholarship		800 00
Helle ½ Scholarship		400 00
Shaber Fund (O. H.)		100 00
Baughman Scholarship		800 00
Miscellaneous Loans		1,350 00
		$59,488 28

*In addition to this fund a farm near Gahanna, Ohio, valued at $5,000 making the Baughman Fund $28,000.

REPORT BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION.

Awaiting favorable and final action on the part of your Honorable Body on the Rules and Regulations whereby this Board is to be governed, no transactions in realty can be reported.

In auditing the accounts of our chairman and treasurer, C. H. L. Schuette, we find the following assets and expenditures from same:

1. Realty in Columbus and Detroit, J. A. Schultze Estate, valued at from $8,000 to $9,000.

Receipts from same:		
Balance from 1906	$157 18	
Received by rents, net, to July, 1908	1,216 92	
		$1,373 10
Expenditures —		
To Mrs. J. A. S., annuity	$420 00	
To F. J. Heer, Inst. Treas	550 00	
To taxes, repairs, etc	358 15	
To balance on hand	44 95	
		$1,373 10

2. Austin Cooperrider Fund.

Assets since October 4, 1902 to July 18, 1908 —		
By notes receivable	$1,065 00	
Cash including accrued interest	27,385 82	
		$28,450 82
Expenditures —		
To Church Building Board	$3,125 00	
To Mrs. B	750 00	
To taxes, legal and court fees, etc	1,430 69	
By investment	21,600 00	
By mortgage notes as above	1,065 00	
Cash balance	480 13	
		$28,450 82

Miscellaneous Funds —

U. F. Annuity (fund for Inst. Treas.)		$3,000 00
Miss Louise Reichert Fund (Persian mission work)	$300 00	
By interest	40 50	
		340 50
Mrs. Barb. Emmelhainz Fund for indigent students		500 00
Rev. Christ Volz Fund (for Inst. Treas.)		200 00
		$4,040 50

(Capital of $4,000.00 invested at 5 per cent int. per annum.)

In conclusion we call attention to the fact that the terms of office of Messrs. Schwartz and Binckley have expired.

Respectfully submitted for and in behalf of the Board.

JNO. BINCKLEY, *Sec.*

COMMUNICATIONS FROM DISTRICTS.

A. THE WESTERN.

1. It was resolved that we do not find anything in the relation of the Hermannsburg Mission Society to the State Church that would prevent us from supporting the mission society or from entering into closer relations with it. (Minutes of 1907, page 42.)

2. The Theses of Toledo were adopted, item by item, and as a whole. (Minutes of 1907, page 42, and of 1908.)

3. It was resolved that we as a district recommend the appointment of an executive officer in the Board of Home Missions. (Minutes of 1908.)

4. It was resolved that the following recommendations be made to Joint Synod.

a. That an edition of our German hymnal with music be printed,

b. That the number of hymns in said hymnal be increased,

c. That errors be corrected,

d. That the binding of the hymnal be improved. (Minutes of 1908.)

5. It was resolved that the question whether the names of any pastors out of office shall be inserted in this list of voting precincts for the election of delegates to Joint Synod be referred to that body. (Minutes of 1908.)

6. While no formal action was taken, a reference to the Report of Committee on Excuses, German Minutes of 1907, page 42, shows that a change is desired in the line in which our District is to hold its meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

L. PFLUEGER,

English Secretary.

B. MINNESOTA.

I. Concerning our Seminary in St. Paul, it was resolved:

1. The conditions of our Seminary in St. Paul, Minn., are such, that the employment of more professors is absolutely necessary:

2. That the efficiency of this institution should be improved under all circumstances and that for this purpose another new class, tertia, should be added:

3. That the preparatory school established this year should be made permanent and a professor for same appointed;

4. That the course of the Proseminary should be extended one year.

5. That another professor should be appointed for the Proseminary.

II. Concerning the proposed union with Iowa Synod:

1. *Resolved*, That the said Theses of Toledo, Ohio, are a suitable basis of a right ecclesiastical agreement between the two synods of Ohio and Iowa;

2. And that we desire on said basis a union with the Iowa Synod.

III. Concerning Hermannsburg:

Resolved, That we can not approve the agreement between the Mission of Hermannsburg and the State Church of Hannover.

IV. In regard to the establishing of a pension treasury:

1. *Resolved*, That if possible, a regular pension treasury should be established in which these ministers and teachers, that are interested in it, shall pay a certain percentage of their salary, and take up collections for this purpose.

2. That besides the pension treasury the aid treasury shall be retained on the present system, however strictly separate from the first.

3. Provided the majority of the districts should not consent to Rule II, for Board of Aids, we move to strike out the words "merit" and "years of service," and substitute "relief according to their individual needs."

V. Concerning Professor's residence in St. Paul:

Resolved, That we earnestly petition the Joint Synod to purchase for the professor's residence, the house of Prof. Fiebke, if the same can still be secured.

VI. Our German Hymn book:

1. *Resolved*, That a supplement be prepared in pamphlet form, which shall contain a collection of popular church songs not now in the present edition of our German book, and that the same shall be made so it can be pasted or sewed in the book now in use.

2. That the text of our hymn book be revised and the unintelligible or ambiguous expressions and parts in several hymns be changed to more suitable and fitting words, if the expense be not too great.

3. That the binding of the book be made better and stronger.

C. Herrewig,
Secretary of Minnesota District.

C. WISCONSIN.

1. With regard to the articles of agreement on the relation of the Hermannsburg mission to the State Church of Hannover:

We see nothing in the relation of the Hermannsburg Mission to the State Church of Hannover preventing us from co-operating with said Mission.

2. The Rules and Regulations governing Board of Aids, adopted.

In reference to Section II resolved, We recommend to Joint Synod the addition of two laymen.

We suggest that Section Va be as follows: "In determining the amount to be paid a person or family, the Board shall take into due consideration only the distress to be relieved."

3. In reference to the appointment of a superintendent of missions, that we do not deem it advisable to appoint a superintendent of missions.

4. Toledo Theses: Approved, except Thesis IVd. "Perfect agreement in all non-fundamental doctrines, though not attainable on earth, is, nevertheless, an end desirable, and one we should labor to attain."

5. We recommend to Joint Synod to take into consideration the transfer of the Preparatory Department of Capital University from Columbus to Woodville.

6. In reference to the petition of Rev. M. Meyer, Lincoln, Ill., concerning refunding traveling expenses for Rev. H. Hass to Australia; resolved to submit said petition to Joint Synod.

H. THEDINGA, *Sec.*

D. NORTHERN.

1. We bespeak the removal of Grammar School at Columbus, O., to Woodville, O., and petition Joint Synod to do such.

2. *Resolved*, To keep old order and to petition Joint Synod to reconsider its resolution upon oneness of synodical year, Dec. 31—Jan. 1.

A. G. BERGENER, *Sec.*

E. KANSAS AND NEBRASKA.

1. *Resolved*, To petition Joint Synod to reconsider its decision according to which all parochial and financial reports are to extend from January to January, and to return to the old order.

2. With regard to the appointment of a missionary superintendent, the Kansas and Nebraska District is of the opinion that such an office, on account of the many duties devolving upon it, is hardly practicable; and therefore declares against the creation of such an office.

3. With regard to a closer relation of our Synod with the Hermannsburg Mission, the district adopted the following resolution: "The Kansas and Nebraska District finds nothing, either in the confessional status of the Ev. Luth. state Church of Hannover, nor in the relation of the Hermannsburg Mission to the state Church, that could hinder *us* from entering into closer relations with the Hermannsburg Mission."

4. To the revised rules governing the Board of Aids the District gave its approval with the following remarks:

a. In paragraph 1 the word "intentionally" should be inserted, making it read: "This right, however, may be forfeited, if any pastor or teacher year after year intentionally remains indifferent to and disregards the obligation resting on him as regards this treasury."

b. In paragraph 5 the district recommends the following change: instead of "merit and time of service," it should read "service and time of service."

5. The Toledo Theses were approved.

6. *Resolved,* That we recommend the transfer of the Prep. Department at Columbus to Woodville, Ohio.

7. *Resolved,* That we join the Washington District in its recommendation to have the salary column in our reports so arranged that salaries from congregations and salaries from Mission Treasury be stated separately.

F. TEXAS.

1. In reference to Hermannsburg: we do not find any existing relationship between the Hermannsburg Mission and the State Church, that should prevent our continued support of said mission.

2. We do not favor the proposition of creating an extra office of a general missionary superintendent.

3. Rules for Board of Aid approved, and resolved that two laymen be added to said Board.

4. *Resolved,* that we recommend the transfer of the preparatory department from Columbus, Ohio, to Woodville, Ohio.

5. In regard to the erection of the new orphans' home, we deem our vote of no importance, since Synod has already decided in this matter, moreover, we as a small district can do very little for the proposed building. We, however, are in favor of having the orphans placed in Christian homes as soon as possible.

6. The Toledo theses were approved.

CHRISTIAN VOLK, *Sec.*

G. WASHINGTON.

a. Petitions, that the old order of the synodical year from the several districts be restored.

b. Petitions for authority to establish a missionary board to cooperate with the Board of Joint Synod.

c. Petitions for and addition of hymns to the German hymnbook; as also for music to accompany the liturgical forms.

AUG. F. GRAEBNER, *Sec.*

H. CONCORDIA.

1. *Resolved,* That it is the sense of the District, that the resolution of Joint Synod, to make the synodical year extend from Jan. 1 to Dec. 31, is impractical and unsatisfactory; and that we therefore petition Joint Synod to rescind that action, and that the practice heretofore adhered to be continued.

2. In the Conference minutes the following resolution is recorded:

Resolved, That we memorialize Joint Synod whether it cannot publish an English edition of our Confessions in a popular and economic form.

O. C. MEES, *Sec.*

I. EASTERN DISTRICT.

1. Toledo theses accepted.

2. In Rules and Regulations governing Board of Aids it was suggested to change II so as to read *seven* members, adding "two lay members"; III shall read "as we have been *superannuated or disabled;* IV shall read "apportioned among *its beneficiaries.*"

3. Concerning our relation to the Hermannsburg Missionary Society:

a) It is our conviction, that there is nothing to hinder us from supporting this society in the future as in the past.

b) We would advise, however, that we desist for the present from acquiring some of their stations, turning our main attention to the foreign immigration which is at present flooding our land.

4. *Resolved,* That our District request the honorable Joint Synod to take steps toward mission work among Slovaks, Hungarians, etc., in our country.

OTTO MEES, *Sec'y.*

Minutes of the Thirty-Ninth Convention

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Pursuant to the call of the Honorable President, the Evangelical Lutheran Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States met in its thirty-ninth convention, the seventh time as a delegate body, at the regular time, in the Ev. Luth. Zion's Church, Rev. Theo. Marth, pastor, at Appleton, Wis., on the 20-26th of August, 1908, at 10 A. M. Rev. M. C. Hecht, of Dayton, O., preached the Synodical sermon on Heb. 10:23, 24, after which the Synod was formally opened by the General President.

The roll call showed 91 delegates—52 clerical and 31 lay delegates; 8 teachers, 32 advisory, 45 guests present—total 168.

The voting members are distributed among the different districts as follows:

WESTERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
J. H. Schneider, Columbus, Ohio.	G. Kiefer, Columbus, Ohio.
A. Kohler, Sugar Grove, Ohio.	D. A. Hunziker, Reading, Ohio.
M. C. Hecht, Dayton, Ohio.	Geo. Hagelberger, Anna, Ohio.
Em. Poppen, Sidney, Ohio.	C. P. Lautenschlager, Patricksburg, Ind.
S. W. Mautz, Hartford City, Ind.	
W. Grabemann, Jasper, Ind.	Fr. Heiby, Ft. Recovery, Ohio.
J. Fritz, Lawrenceburg, Ind.	

Teachers.

G. Allwardt, Dayton, Ohio.

EASTERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
A. R. Kuldell, Allegheny, Pa.	A. Duemlein, Steubenville, Ohio.
Otto Mees, Coraopolis, Pa.	Chas. Goehring, Zelienople, Pa.
E. F. A. Dittmer, Allegheny, Pa.	Aug. Poerschke, Allegheny, Pa.
J. F. C. Soller, Youngstown, O.	

Teachers.

G. D. Baumann, Canton, Ohio.

NORTHERN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
J. J. Allwardt, Galion, Ohio.	C. F. Heimlich, Cardington, Ohio.
G. Dillmann, Fostoria, Ohio.	Wm. Herner, Norwalk, Ohio.
W. A. Bowman, Fremont, Ohio.	Gust Wichmann, Sandusky, Ohio.
R. A. Born, Pemberville, Ohio.	John Niemann, Woodville, Ohio.
B. F. Brandt, Ft. Wayne, Ind.	Wm. Trost, Pigeon, Mich.
E. Kittel, Dundee, Mich.	W. V. Freitag, Detroit, Mich.
C. Bez, Detroit, Mich.	Christlieb Bossert, Fowlerville, Mich.
C. F. Lauer, St. Clair, Mich.	
W. F. Helle, Fostoria, Ohio.	
W. E. Schuette, Toledo, Ohio.	

Teachers.

E. Laukner, Detroit, Mich. — Prof. O. A. Trapp, Woodville, O.
Wm. Wiggert, Ft. Wayne, Ind.

MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
C. Meyer, Afton, Minn.	C. Hill, Glenwood, Wis.
A. Moench, New Rome, Minn.	John Kuchenreuther, Titonka, Iowa.
J. Lambrecht, Lamberton, Minn.	H. Koosmann, Appleton, Minn.
G. Stamm, Princeton, Minn.	Phil. Schramm, Springfield, Minn.
J. Mittermaier, Mapleton, Minn.	
F. E. Meske, Akron, Iowa.	
G. Koenig, Canova, S. Dak.	
J. Bohnhoff, Valley City, N. Dak.	
A. Scheffler, Lanigan, Sask., Can.	
J. Zaetschke, Strassburg, Sask., Can.	

Teachers.

*F. A. Justus, Stillwater, Minn.

WISCONSIN DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
Aug. Koepp, Wausau, Wis.	Christian Krull, Birnamwood, Wis.
F. Proehl, Black Creek, Wis.	Friedrich Berger, Lincoln, Ill.
H. Barre, Oshkosh, Wis.	
E. Michaelis, Wilmot, Wis.	
M. Doermann, Blue Island, Ill.	
P. H. Holtermann, New Douglas, Ill.	

Teachers.

H. F. Seeger, Watertown, Wis. — J. H. Scharnberg, Michigan City, Ind.

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* Absent.

KANSAS AND NEBRASKA DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
F. W. Gahre, Glenville, Neb.	Frank Hoelzel, Kansas City, Mo.
W. H. Kerl, Lenexa, Kan.	

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
Ch. Buechler, Portland, Ore.	C. Hemrich, Portland, Ore.
A. F. W. Benzin, Gifford, Idaho.	
F. Meinecke, Castle Rock, Wash.	

TEXAS DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
W. C. Lembke, Marion, Tex.	

ENGLISH DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
W. E. Schramm, Allegheny, Pa.	*Fred Krehl, Girard, Ohio.
C. J. E. Lautenschlager, Glenford, Ohio.	A. C. Ganger, Allegheny, Pa.
	S. Rousculp, Thornville, Ohio.
C. E. Krumm, Piqua, Ohio.	J. H. Ehler, West Alexandria, O.
B. L. Westenbarger, Massillon, O.	Henry Shook, Akron, Ohio.
L. Coffman, Jelloway, Ohio.	*D. C. Reidenour, Wabash, Ind.
C. W. Pflueger, Westerville, Ohio.	W. C. Windisch, Detroit, Mich.

CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

Pastors.	Lay Delegates.
O. C. Mees, Baltimore, Md.	A. G. Snyder, Baltimore, Md.
J. E. A. Doermann, Washington, D. C.	*J. P. Meyer, Curtis Bay, Md.
	N. S. Dasher, Hickory, N. C.
Prof. W. L. Spielmann, Hickory, N. C.	

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* Absent.

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Rev. E. A. Boehme, Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio.
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*Rev. C. B. Gohdes, Hickory Seminary, Hickory, N. C.
*Rev. Geo. F. Pauschert, Pacific Seminary, Olympia, Wash.
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Rev. H. J. Schuh, St. John's Lutheran Home, Mars, Pa.
Rev. R. E. Golladay, Home Mission Board, Columbus, Ohio.
Prof. E. Pfeiffer, Publication Board, Columbus, Ohio.
Rev. G. Mochel, Board of Aids, Galion, Ohio.
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Rev. A. H. Dornbirer.

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Wisconsin District — Rev. Eisenbach, Oconto, Wis.
Texas District — Rev. W. Steinmann, Ph. D., Seguin, Tex.
Washington District — *Rev. P. Groschup, Spokane, Wash.
Kansas and Nebraska District — Rev. F. W. Gahre, Glenville, Neb.
English District — Rev. M. R. Walter, Gahanna, Ohio.
Concordia District — Rev. J. E. A. Doermann, Washington, D. C.

* Absent.

GUESTS OF SYNOD.

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Wm. H. Lehmann,
A. C. Ernst,
W. Boritzki,
P. Briest,
F. H. Ohlrogge,
D. Koshe,
H. D. Blohm,
G. Gehrke,
E. Nottbohm,
W. Prigge,
A. Wischoff,
E. Kemena,
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H. Meyer,
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G. E. Kuhlmann,
C. Grombach,
F. Werhahn,
J. Buth,
E. R. Kraeft,
W. Reul,
J. F. Franke (Iowa Synod).

TEACHERS.

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R. Schujahn,
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Prof G. Kroenig,
G. A. Timmermann,
Ph. Kircher,
W. Mensing,

LAYMEN.

Fred Siefert,
C. Burkhardt,
A. F. Lorenzen,
H. W. Krull, Stud. Theol.,
E. G. Knaak, Stud. Theol.,
Rob. Marsch.

Besides these there were present and welcomed at this Synod, Prof. J. N. Lenker, D. D., Publisher of Luther's Works in English; Prof. G. J. Fritschel of the Seminary of the Iowa Synod and Rev. G. Weng.

ORGANIZATION OF SYNOD.

After the opening of Synod by our Hon. President, C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., its organization was effected by the delegates presenting their credentials. The business of Synod was completed in nine sessions, each being opened with a short liturgical service. The morning services were conducted by the German chaplain, Rev. R. A. Born, and the afternoon by the English chaplain, Rev. J. J. Allwardt.

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

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REV. E. A. BOEHME.....*Eastern Vice President*
PROF. H. ERNST, D. D.....*Western Vice President*
REV. W. D. AHL.....*German Secretary*
REV. W. H. PRICE.....*English Secretary*
MR. C. NAGEL.....*Treasurer*

PROCEEDINGS OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

The Preliminary Committee of the Ev. Luth. Joint Synod of Ohio and Other States, elected for this delegate body, met on the 18th of August, 1908, in the Zion's Lutheran school hall at Appleton, Wis. The session was opened by the Hon. President, with a short liturgical service. The names of the delegates elected by the different Districts are herewith given:

1. *Western District:* Revs. J. H. Schneider and M. C. Hecht; Messrs. Geo. Kiefer and D. A. Hunziker.

2. *Eastern District:* Revs. A. R. Kuldell and Otto Mees; Messrs. A. Duemlein and Chas. Goehring.

3. *Northern District:* Revs. C. Bez and W. E. Schuette; Messrs. Gus. Wichmann and A. G. Rietmiller.

4. *Minnesota District:* Revs. J. Bohnhoff and A. Moench; Mr. C. Hill.

5. *Wisconsin District:* Revs. F. Proehl and M. Doermann.

6. *Washington District:* Revs. Ch. Buechler and A. F. W. Benzin.

7. *Kansas and Nebraska District:* Revs. W. H. Kerl and F. W. Gahre; Mr. Frank Hoelzel.

8. *Texas District:* Rev. W. C. Lembke.

9. *English District:* Revs. W. E. Schramm and C. E. Krumm; Messrs. S. Rousculp and J. H. Ehler.

10. *Concordia District:* Rev. O. C. Mees, Prof. W. L. Spielmann; Messrs. A. G. Snyder and J. P. Meyer.

All reports and business of Synod were then presented by the Hon. President to different sub-committees for consideration and action. Before, however, their reports were presented to Synod, they were considered by the Preliminary Committee.

SUB-COMMITTEES.

I. *Nominations, Etc.:* Presidents R. C. H. Lenski, J. F. C. Soller, H. P. Dannecker, H. Ernst, D. D.; H. Eisenbach, W. Steinmann, Ph. D.; *P. Groschupf; M. R. Walter, J. E. A. Doermann.

II. *Educational Institutions:* Revs. M. C. Hecht, Otto Mees, A. Moench and A. F. W. Benzin; Messrs. Gus. Wichmann and J. P. Meyer. *Advisory:* Prof. L. H. Schuh, Ph. D., Rev. E. A. Boehme, Prof. H. K. G. Doermann, Rev. H. A. Allwardt, D. D., Prof. C. Ackermann, Ph. D.

III. *Eleemosynary Institutions:* Revs. W. E. Schramm, C. E. Krumm, M. P. F. Doermann; Messrs. A. Duemlein, C. Hill, J. H. Ehler. *Advisory:* Revs. A. J. Feeger, H. J. Schuh and G. Mochel.

IV. *Missions:* Revs. C. Bez, O. C. Mees, A. R. Kuldell, W. C. Lembke, F. Proehl; Messrs. Chas. Goehring, A. G. Snyder. *Advisory:* Revs. R. E. Golladay and K. Hemminghaus.

V. *Publication Matters:* Prof. W. L. Spielmann, J. Bohnhoff, W. F. H. Kerl; Messrs. G. Kiefer, S. Rousculp and Frank H. Hoelzel. *Advisory:* Prof. F. W. Stellhorn, D. D., Prof. E. Pfeiffer.

VI. *Finances*: Revs. J. H. Schneider, W. E. Schuette, F. W. Gahre, Ch. Buechler; Messrs. D. A. Hunziker, A. G. Riethmiller. *Advisory:* Prof. Th. Mees, Ph. D., *Hon. J. J. Dobler and Rev. O. S. Oglesby.

C. H. L. SCHUETTE, *President.*

W. H. PRICE,
W. D. AHL,
Secretaries.

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* Absent.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

THURSDAY.

Organization and Missions. (IV Sub-Committee.)

FRIDAY.

Educational Institutions. (II Sub-Committee.)

SATURDAY.

Report of I Sub-Committee—Nomination, etc.

MONDAY.

Finances and Eleemosynary Institutions. (VI and III Sub-Committees.)

TUESDAY.

Publication Matters. (V Sub-Committee.)

WEDNESDAY.

Unfinished Business and Miscellaneous Matters.

Resolved, That Synod shall not deviate from this Order of Business unless demanded by three-fourths of the members present.

Resolved, That no one speak more than twice on the same motion, nor more than five minutes at one time.

According to the By-laws of Synod, the election of officers of Synod takes place Tuesday morning from 8 to 12.

TIME OF SESSIONS.

8:30 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.
2:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.

REPORTS OF THE PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE AND ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

I. THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

(See pp. 16 and 17.)

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted.

1. We rejoice that God's protecting hand has preserved the members of the faculty from serious and prolonged sickness; especially that Prof. Pfeiffer's incapacity for work was only of short duration.

2. With gratitude towards God, we rejoice that there has been a steady increase of attendance in our various institutions; and also that the spirit and deportment of the students were praiseworthy nearly throughout.

3. The demise of Rev. G. Baughman and of the Widow Christine Rudolf, again reminds us that God does not leave our Synod without friends who bequeath their rich earthly possessions for the furtherance of His Kingdom. Let us honor their memory and hope that their noble example may be followed by others.

4. Regarding the desired new professorship at Columbus, we recommend, that under the existing circumstances, the calling of a new professor be postponed.

II. CAPITAL UNIVERSITY. (See pp. 16-20.)

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

1. We recommend that the appropriation for libraries be made to include the Seminaries at Olympia and Hickory, and that the distribution of funds for the present be equal among all institutions.

2. That our venerable Dr. Loy, though physically weak and incapacitated for work in the school, has been spared unto us, we regard as a manifestation of Divine Grace and Favor. May the Lord, in whom he puts his trust, and whose Word he was wont to preach and teach with fervor and power, be his sun and shield in his last days.

3. We recognize that through the demise of the sainted Rev. J. C. Schacht our institution has lost a sincere and useful friend.

4. Since the improvements already instituted have not tended to raise the efficiency of the English course as much as is desirable, we recommend that the Board be instructed to devise further measures which will increase the efficiency and thoroughness of this course.

5. We advise against the celebration of Capital University's sixtieth anniversary.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

The entire report was adopted without alteration.

III. LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN. (See pp. 20-22.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We regret that Prof. W. Fiebke was compelled to resign his position and pray the Lord to grant the stricken brother the necessary strength and fortitude to bear his cross with patience.

2. *Private Instruction* (P. 20 § 5). Without wishing to pass judgment on the case here mentioned, viz., that a person was prepared privately for the office of the ministry, we express the hope that in future this may occur only in exceptional cases.

3. We wish the Seminary God's blessing in the celebration of its twenty-fifth aniversary.

4. We recommend that Prof. H. Doermann be relieved of his duties as pastor and missionary so that he may devote his entire time to the work at the institution.

5. In view of the fact that the institution cannot accomplish in preparatory work what it should and what is expected of it, because of insufficient teaching forces, we recommend that another teacher be called for the seminary.

6. We recommend that the former years of service of Prof. H. K. G. Doermann at Hickory, N. C., be taken into account in the adjustment of salaries.

7. We hold that the treasurer of this institution has acted in accordance with prevailing usage; but recommend that henceforth the salaries be paid monthly, in this and in all our institutions.

8. We believe that in the calling of Prof. Kroening the prescribed order was not observed; we ask the Board for an explanation of its action.

9. We recommend that the residence of Prof. Fiebke be not bought, and that a professors' residence be built on the grounds of the institution, or nearby.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1, 2 *and* 3 *adopted.*

Item 4 *lost.*

Item 5, referring to a new teacher, received especial attention. It was said that our present financial condition does not justify the calling of another teacher. Furthermore, this school was originally established as a Practical Seminary, and by lengthening the course, would only delay the supplying of the present demand for ministers. To this it was replied that conditions have changed in the past 25 years. We now need a more educated ministry than we did in former years, and men who are capable not only to preach the word in the German language, but also in the English. Formerly we received our supply of students largely from Germany. These young men had a fair education before they entered St. Paul. But we get few men from these quarters now, so that we are necessitated to secure young men from our own midst—a fact not to be deplored, however, but rather to be encouraged. This being true, we are compelled to receive a class of students, who are often very deficient in knowledge when they come to us, owing to the limited opportunities offered them in the public and parochial schools. Hence it is necessary to make some arrangement to supply this deficiency. Besides, the course in this school should be raised and more attention given to mathematics and natural sciences. St. Paul is destined to become our principal institution in the West, and we should recognize the eminent services it has rendered

our Church and Synod in the past, and lay no obstacle in the way that would in the least retard its progress, although it may incur a greater outlay of money. All efforts, however, should be made not to lower but to raise the standard of entrance into this school. This item was then adopted by a large majority.

Items 6, 7 *and* 8 *adopted.* To *item* 8 a satisfactory explanation was given.

Item 9 *adopted.* In the interest of the discipline of the institution, it was deemed advisable that the professors' residence be erected on the grounds of the institution, or nearby.

IV. HICKORY, N. C. (See pp. 22-26.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We regard the suggested repairs as necessary and refer the request to the favor of the committee on appropriations.

2. In consideration of all attendant circumstances, we recommend that another professor be called, so that Prof. Spielman may be enabled to devote more of his time to the Seminary.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1 *and* 2 *adopted.* In connection with item 2 the statement was made that there are two congregations, one in Hickory and the other nearby, which can be served by the two professors in Hickory and thus to some extent relieve the strain on the General treasury. The wish was expressed that such an arrangement might be made. In this connection the constitution of the Pacific Seminary was adopted as the constitution for Hickory Seminary. See pp. 24-26.

V. PACIFIC SEMINARY, OLYMPIA, WASH. (See pp. 26-30.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We rejoice over the successful opening of the Seminary, and wish this, the youngest synodical institution, God's richest blessing for its future prosperity.

2. We heartily acknowledge the action of the committee and the success which has crowned its zealous efforts. We recommend that the offer of the Washington District to deed this property to Joint Synod unencumbered with debt, be accepted with thanks.

3. In view of the fact that the Washington District has decided in favor of a Seminary, we recommend that the professors now called, Dr. Carl Ackermann and Rev. W. Hoberger, be regarded as theological professors.

4. We move that the English text of the proposed constitution for the Seminary at Olympia, Wash., be adopted as the official text.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1 *and* 2 *adopted.*

Item 3 was laid on the table until the next meeting of Joint Synod.

Item 4 was adopted after some changes were made.

VI. WOODVILLE, OHIO. (See pp. 31-33.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We regard the fourth professorship as a necessity and recommend that the Board be instructed to proceed with the election of a professor according to the prescribed order.

2. Rejoicing over the beginning made in the cancelling of the debt still resting upon the institution, we express the hope that continued efforts will prove equally fruitful.

3. We recommend that in case the missing statutes cannot be found, the board, in conjunction with the General President, be instructed to prepare new statutes, which shall be accepted as final and official.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1, 2 *and* 3 *adopted.*

In connection with our educational institutions the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That our General President, together with the presidents of our educational institutions, be appointed as a commission for the purpose of conferring with each other regarding the common goal the educational institutions of Synod should have in view. This commission is to report in two years.

VII. REMOVAL OF PREPARATORY DEPARTMENT FROM COLUMBUS TO WOODVILLE.

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

Though it were desirable to remove the Preparatory Department from Columbus to Woodville, we are of the opinion that because of the limited accommodations at Woodville such a removal would be impossible at present. We recommend, however, that parents be advised to send their young boys to Woodville before these go to Columbus.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

It was said in favor of removal, that the same work is practically done in both institutions, thus necessitating an expenditure of money for which there is no excuse. It is also incompatible and inadvisable to put mere boys with men under the same rules of discipline. Nor should the fact be overlooked that the dangers and temptations for boys are far more numerous and greater in a large city than in a village.

Woodville is a village situated at a considerable distance from a larger city, it has a population that is decidedly Lutheran and is surrounded by a number of large Lutheran congregations.

Over against this it was said that the lack of accommodations at Woodville would prevent such a movement for the present; nor should such a radical change be made at once, but rather gradually. This would give time for the commission appointed at this Synod to take under advisement the whole matter pertaining to our educational institutions. All that can and should be done for the present is to advise parents to send their children to Woodville. *Item 7* was then adopted.

ELEEMOSYNARY INSTITUTIONS.

A. WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME. (See pp. 34-40.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We are sorry that the Board found it difficult to fill the vacancy in the house fathership, but rejoice that they have at last succeeded. For the new house father we express our sin-

cere hope and prayer that he may long fill this office and that the institution may prosper under his care.

2. We are sorry to note that the farm connected with the Home year after year seems to have been operated at a financial loss, but we believe that we must look for the cause of this not in the farm itself, but in its management. Therefore we move that the Board be authorized to sell all or a part of the farm, and if deemed advisable to buy land elsewhere and near to the original 17 acres.

3. As the money from the endowment fund, which was used to rebuild the burnt barn, must be replaced, we suggest that your honorable body make the appropriation for the Home large enough that from it the required amount may be replaced in the course of a few years.

4. With regard to the money that will be required for the new building, we would impress upon the minds of all members of Synod the great need of this cause. We deem it expedient for the house father and the members of the Board personally to present this matter to our larger congregations as soon as possible.

5. We notice that the Board estimates the cost of the new building at $28,000 to $30,000. Your committee moves that $30,000 be fixed by Synod as the maximum amount to be expended on the proposed building.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4 *and* 5 *adopted.*

B. OLD FOLKS' HOME. (See pp. 40-43.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted.

1. We rejoice that the new Orphans' Home at Mars has been dedicated and can be turned over to Synod practically without debt.

2. We also give expression to our sincere satisfaction that our institutions there have the help of three deaconesses, whose devoted and highly efficient work has been a great blessing to our institutions.

3. We also deem it advisable that the new institution be conducted as a separate household and, therefore, recommend

that separate appropriations be made for the Old Folks' Home and the Orphans' Home.

C. BOARD OF AIDS. (See pp. 43-45.)

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted.

There is an evident desire on the part of some of our pastors to substitute a pension system for our present Board of Aids plan. Your committee has in hand a pension plan as proposed by the Michigan Conference of the Northern District. Suggestions of this nature come also from other districts. Your committee, however, does not favor so radical a departure. Christian love should be the guiding principle in this work. We propose the retention of the present plan and the adoption of the proposed regulations with the following changes:

1. We agree with the Board's treasurer that the two lay members of this Board be retained.

2. In §1 the word intentionally should be inserted, making it read: This right, however, may be forfeited if any pastor or teacher year after year manifestly and intentionally remains indifferent to and disregards the obligation resting on him as regards this treasury.

3. In §3 the words, "or disabled," should be inserted after superannuated.

4. In paragraph 5 the clause, "merit and time of service," be expunged, so that it read "the Board shall take into consideration only the distress to be relieved."

5. Finally, we recommend that the legacy of $2,000.00 from the estate of Christine Rudolph be placed on interest as an endowment fund, and that the inheritance tax of $100.00 be paid by the Board from its treasury.

In this connection it was resolved that the pension plan of the Michigan Conference be referred to the Northern District for discussion and that said District refer the result of its deliberations to the other Districts before presenting it to Joint Synod.

Your committee appointed to audit the Treasurer's report of the Board of Aids, page 42, finds the same correct.

J. F. MUELLER.
F. J. HEER.

REVISED RULES OF THE BOARD OF AIDS.

1. All pastors and teachers, also their families, are, on account of membership and service in Synod, rightly entitled to support from this treasury. This right, however, may be forfeited if any pastor or teacher year after year manifestly and intentionally remains indifferent to and disregards the obligation resting on him as regards this treasury. If, notwithstanding, in such a case aid is given, it is done by favor and not by right.

2. This board consists of five members elected by Synod, of which three shall be pastors and two teachers; and their time of service is set at 6 resp. 4 years; and in such a wise that at every regular meeting of Synod an election or re-election takes place. Care should be taken that members do not live too far apart.

3. Purpose of this board is: With word and deed to aid disabled and superannuated pastors and teachers as well as pastors' and teachers' widows and orphans.

4. To carry out this purpose it shall be their duty to see to it that necessary means be supplied and conscientiously distributed among the needy.

5. In setting aside an amount of aid for any person or family the board shall take into consideration only the distress to be relieved.

It shall not be expected that a brother in time of need, or in case of death, the widow apply for aid. This shall be the duty of officers of conference within whose limits the brother labors or has labored. These officers also shall impart to the board confidential information, in which they portray the intimate circumstances of pertinent case of need. To this end the treasury shall annually request the district presidents to call attention of presidents of conferences to this rule.

6. The board organizes by election of chairman, treasurer and secretaries; and shall convene once a year in regular session. The expenses incurred thereby shall be paid out of funds in their hands.

The collector, or committee, of each district shall furnish the treasurer with an accurate list of contributions of each pastor,

teacher and congregation; this shall be done within thirty days after meeting of district.

7. For its administration the board is answerable to Synod; and reports to be made at every regular meeting.

8. With reference to plans, as well as supply of means the board asks Synod for sanction and advice. Also any rules of great importance must be sanctioned by Synod, before they are binding.

9. Each district elects a committee, whose duty it is to report to president of district and to see to it that this treasury within the district receives general and sufficient support. For this purpose each congregation is asked to hold an annual collection and each pastor and teacher to contribute one per cent. of his salary, house rent and other side income to be excluded.

MISSIONS.

HOME MISSIONS. (See pp. 45-59.)

Report of Preliminary Committee.

1. From the report of the Mission Board we learn that they have not succeeded in finding a suitable man for the work among the Slovaks. We would encourage the Board to continue their efforts to secure such a man.

2. With gratitude toward God, we learn that during the past two years fifteen parishes have become self-supporting, in part through the efforts of the individual missions, in part by being united with other congregations. We would encourage the Board to continue, wherever possible, to join the less promising mission stations with other congregations, thus making them self-supporting, and saving our men and means for the larger and more promising fields.

3. We recommend that an executive officer of the Mission Board of Home Missions be appointed to carry out his duties as prescribed for such an office, and that proper provision be made for his adequate support, the question of salary to be left to the discretion of the Mission Board.

4. We desire to express our dissatisfaction at the action of some older congregations in calling missionaries from the fields where they have scarcely become acquainted with conditions, thus entailing considerable expense to the mission treasury, and retarding the progress of our mission work.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1-3 *adopted.*

Item 3. It was evident from the beginning that something must be done to relieve the secretary of the Home Mission Board, who at the same time is pastor of a large congregation. To attend to such an extensive correspondence rightly and to do justice to all concerned is simply impossible for a busy pastor. Either our missionaries will not receive the attention that is due them or the work of the congregation be neglected. It is plain that a man is needed who shall read, arrange and digest the correspondence, and bring the necessary and vital points before the Board that these may receive due deliberation, and reply according to direction of the same—a task which the present incumbent can impossibly fulfill. Some misgivings were expressed as to the advisability of this step, but after considerable discussion the item was adopted by an almost unanimous majority.

It was resolved in this connection that the Mission Board be instructed to confer with the District President before they extend a call to any person of the respective district, and furthermore, that the Presidents of Districts be instructed to confer with the Mission Board before they propose to any congregation the name of a missionary.

Further, resolved, that the petition to allow the faculties at Columbus and St. Paul, in cases of necessity, to send young men into mission fields for a time, be granted. This action is to be in force until the next meeting of Joint Synod.

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF MISSION TREASURY. (See p. 50.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. Examining the receipts for the support of the various mission treasuries of our Synod, we feel constrained to express our joyful gratitude towards God for the growing zeal for missionary activity among us evidenced by the considerable increase

in the contributions to nearly all of our treasuries, and we would encourage all our congregations to strive for even a higher goal in this respect.

2. We recommend anew the appropriation of our Lenten offerings for the mission treasury.

3. From the report of the Treasurer we learn that the disbursements during the two years past exceeded the contributions by $4,827.77. We recommend that for the coming two years the sum of $60,000 be appropriated, but that out of this sum the aforementioned indebtedness be paid.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

The above report was adopted without change.

PETITION OF ZION'S CONGREGATION, CANTON, O. (See p. 15.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted.

1. After a careful examination of all the correspondence pertaining to the petition of Rev. Besch and congregation concerning the remission of a portion of their indebtedness to the Building Fund, and hearing the testimony of some who contributed part of this money, we find that the congregation rightfully owes the Building Fund the entire amount and, therefore, cannot grant their petition.

2. In view of the fact, however, that the congregation is laboring under a heavy debt, we recommend that it be given three years more in which to repay this sum to the Building Fund.

JEWISH MISSION. (See pp. 59-63.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

Concerning Jewish mission work, we recommend that the Board be instructed to continue its endeavors to find a suitable man for the work, in the meantime conducting the same in the manner pursued in the past.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

The following substitute was adopted for the committee's report:

Resolved, That we continue the system of Postal Missions

under the supervision of a committee of three and that the President of the Eastern District shall be the chairman of this committee. The General President, authorized by Synod, then appointed the two remaining members of this committee, viz., Rev. O. S. Oglesby and Mr. Adolph Braun.

A motion was then made and carried to dissolve the present Board of Jewish Missions.

NEGRO MISSIONS. (See pp. 63-65.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We regret to learn from the report of the Negro Mission Board that it has not succeeded in securing a missionary for this work, and urge the Board to continue its efforts to secure one.

2. In the report of the Board we see nothing concerning the establishment of a parochial school. As Synod two years ago considered the establishment of such a school a matter of great importance, we ask the question, Why has not this been done?

3. We recommend that the constitution proposed for the Negro Mission Board be adopted.

ACTION OF SYNOD.

Item 1. Respecting the calling of a missionary. The necessity and need of prosecuting this work was emphasized. His duties shall consist not only in serving a congregation or in investigating new fields, but especially in educating colored young men for the ministry. This item was adopted.

Item 2 *adopted.* To the question in the resolution it was replied: That notwithstanding all efforts, no place could be provided for the holding of such a school, nor could a man be secured for the work.

Item 3 *adopted.*

FOREIGN MISSIONS. (See pp. 65 and 66.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. We rejoice in the fact that some few of our congregations, societies and individuals have undertaken the support

of native teachers, and so forth, under the supervision of the Hermansburg Mission Society, and express the hope that such activity will induce others to do likewise.

We suggest that the Treasurer of Foreign Missions be instructed to send money received for this purpose to its destination quarterly as well as crediting the same in our church organs every three (3) months, and that all other monies pass through the hands of the treasurer and be credited in Church papers, giving the object for which they were collected.

2. The request of one of our pastors that money contributed for the Breklum Mission Society be credited in our Church papers can be sanctioned only then, when we have a fuller understanding of the position, doctrinal and practical, of the Breklum Society. We recommend that a committee be appointed to make necessary inquiry to this end.

3. We would advise the brethren to set apart their offerings for Foreign Missions for Hermansburg.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item 1 *adopted.*

Item 2 *adopted.* The Hon. President, in this connection, appointed Revs. E. Lack and Wm. Laugholz as a committee to seek information regarding the doctrinal position of the Brecklum Missionary Society.

Item 3 *adopted.*

HERMANSBURG AND FOREIGN MISSION. (See pp. 12 and 13.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted.

Respecting Hermansburg and Foreign Missions, we glean from the report of the President that in substance all Districts, Minnesota excepted, have come to the conclusion that there is nothing in the relation of the Hermansburg Mission Society to the Evangelical Lutheran State Church of Hanover that might prevent us from co-operating with said society by a closer union.

Your committee recommends:

1. That the matter pertaining to an agreement with the Hermansburg Mission Society, whereby we were to be assigned a special field, be laid on the table for the present.

2. That a committee be appointed to investigate whether

there may not be found a mission field which lies, geographically, in closer proximity to our own field of activity than that which would be assigned by the Hermansburg Society. This committee to report at the next meeting of Joint Synod.

3. That in the meanwhile we support the Hermansburg Mission as heretofore.

ON PUBLICATIONS.

(See pp. 66 82.)

REPORT OF PRELIMINARY COMMITTEE.

I. Publication Matters in Board's Report.

1. *Resolved,* That the conditions under which the printing plant and the binding department of the Lutheran Book Concern were sold to Mr. F. J. Heer be approved.

2. We rejoice that the new building for our Lutheran Book Concern has been completed, and that a profitable use is being made both of the old and of the new building.

3. Acting under instructions of Joint Synod (Min. 1906, p. 75), the Board elected a manager in the person of Rev. A. H. Dornbirer, who, even in this first year of his service, has been performing the arduous duties of his office in a manner altogether acceptable to the Board.

4. With pleasure we note that the instructions of Joint Synod (see report of committee on revision of liturgical texts and forms, p. 70, and appendix), with respect to new editions of the Agende and of the German and English hymnals, have been followed; and we approve of the changes thus far made therein by the committee.

5. *Resolved,* That the thanks of Synod are due, and that they be herewith given to Rev. A. Beck for furnishing an index to our various periodicals.

6. We approve the Board's action with reference to letting the contract for printing the various periodicals of Synod.

7. We move that the petition in point 10 of the Board's report (p. 68) be granted by Synod.

8. As to point 11, we suggest that the Publication Board be authorized to correspond with other Lutheran publication boards, with a view to publishing jointly a general clerical list; and we move that until this is accomplished, the general list be continued in the Almanac.

9. We move that the Board be empowered to make the desired change in the form of the "Kinderfreude," provided the expense be not too great. (See point 13.)

10. In reply to the first question asked by the editor of the "Kirchenzeitung," we recommend that a better grade of paper be used for the "Kirchenzeitung" and Standard.

In answer to the second question, we reply:

Whilst we recognize the extraordinary zeal and efficiency of the chief editor of the "Kirchenzeitung," we cannot recommend that Synod increase his remuneration, inasmuch as, in our opinion, this would also involve an increase for the editors of our other periodicals, and we do not think that Synod is ready for this.

11. We recognize with appreciation the untiring and successful efforts of the editors of our periodicals, and we especially rejoice to note that, notwithstanding many obstacles, the Standard and "Kirchenzeitung" have been able to report increases in their circulation.

II. Publication Matters Referred to in Report of the General President. (See p. 15.)

We recommend that the petition of our parochial school teachers, requesting that they be furnished free copies of the synodical minutes (p. 15, 6, d.) be granted.

III. Publication Matters Referred to in Communications from the Districts.

1. Western District.

a) In reply to the petition of the Western District, asking Synod to publish the German hymnal with music, we recommend that this matter be referred to the several Districts for discussion.

b) With reference to point 4b (that the number of hymns in said hymnal be increased), we find that the Minnesota and Washington Districts have also petitioned Synod for an addi-

tion of hymns to be added as an appendix to the German hymnal, and we recommend that this petition be granted.

2. MINNESOTA DISTRICT.

We are not, however, in favor of that part of the petition of the Minnesota District (p. 95, VI 2), that the text of the German hymnal be revised to such an extent that the unintelligible or ambiguous expressions and parts in several hymns be changed to more suitable and fitting words.

3. EASTERN DISTRICT.

a) We recommend that Synod grant the petition of the Eastern District, that in the financial report blanks all congregational expenses, including pastor's salary, be entered in one rubric.

4. CONCORDIA DISTRICT.

We move to refer to the Publication Board the second petition of the Concordia District, concerning an English edition of our Confessions in a popular and economic form (93, 2).

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 *and* 7 *adopted.*

Item 8. The first part pertaining to the co-operation with other Lutheran Publication Boards was adopted, and for the latter half the following was substituted:

Resolved, That the English Almanac be printed without the General Clerical list and that the General Clerical list be pubished in pamphlet form.

Items 9, 10 *and* 11 *adopted.*

II *adopted.*

III 1 *a and b adopted.*

III 2, 3 *and* 4 *adopted.*

FINANCES.

LIQUIDATION OF THE INSTITUTION DEBT. (See pp. 14, 83-92.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. *Resolved*, That Synod issue 600 bonds, of the denomination of $100.00 each, same to bear no interest, payable on three

months' demand, these bonds to be sold to congregations and members in congregations, the proceeds to be applied to the payment of the Institution Treasury's debt.

2. That a special sinking fund be established, whose treasurer shall receive any moneys donated for debt liquidation, in addition to a regular annual appropriation of $3000 from the Institution Treasury, on the whole bond issues, or 5 per cent. on each bond sold, the moneys to be applied by him to the gradual redemption of said bond issue.

3. That every pastor in Synod be urged to dispose of at least one of these bonds.

4. That a special treasurer be elected to administer said bond issue and sale and said sinking fund, under bond, and to keep alive an interest in the debt reduction.

5. That a committee be now appointed to submit, at this convention of Synod, rules by which this fund is to be administered.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Items 1, 2, 3 *and* 4 *adopted.*

Item 5 *adopted* and committee appointed. This committee reported the following rules and regulations, which were approved by the Synod:

1. The bonds shall be sold with the understanding that the purchaser shall not demand the return of his money until one year from date of sale.

2. In cases where no demand is made for the return of this money, bonds shall be redeemed in the order in which they have been sold.

3. The treasurer of this fund shall be put under bond, the amount to be fixed by the General President.

4. This treasurer shall receive as compensation for his services the sum of $50.00 per annum, besides necessary expenses for postage, printing, etc.

Rev. W. E. Schramm was then elected treasurer of this fund by acclamation. It was further resolved, that the General President be authorized to regulate the matter pertaining to the bond issue according to the laws of the State of Ohio.

APPROPRIATIONS.

I. CAPITAL UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS, O. (See pp. 19 and 20.)

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

A.) 1. We estimate the expenses of Capital University for the next two years to be as follows:

SALARIES.

Dr. Stellhorn	$3,000
Dr. Schodde	2,800
Dr. Schuh, exclusive of residence	2,600
Dr. Mees	3,000
Prof. Pfeiffer	2,600
Prof. Pflueger, exclusive of residence	2,400
Prof. Singer	2,400
Prof. Schmitt	2,000
Prof. Leonard	2,400
Prof. Leonard, Treasurer	200
Rev. Sheatsley	800
Prof. Fox	300
Total for salaries	$24,500

MISCELLANEOUS.

Janitor's fee	$1,000
Improvements and repairs	1,500
Supplies	200
Gas	1,800
Telephone	120
Printing and postage	200
Insurance	400
Library	100
Athletics	200
Music	500
Total for miscellaneous	$6,020
Grand total of expense for two years	$30,500

2. Estimating the income of the Institution by that of the past two years, viz., $15,340, leaves a balance of $15,180.

3. We, therefore, recommend that this amount, $15,180, be appropriated for Capital University for the next two years.

B.) 1. We recommend that the Board be authorized to make all necessary repairs on the Dormitory according to its best judgment.

2. We do not deem it wise, under the existing circumstances, to erect a library building, and recommend that the $10,000 bequest of Mrs. Rudolf be set aside as an investment for library purposes.

C.) We have deducted from the appropriation for Capital University the amount heretofore granted Dr. Loy, and recommend by way of exception, that the salary of Dr. Loy be hereafter paid out of the Synodical Treasury.

II. LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN. (See p. 22.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

1. Estimating the expense of this Institution for the next two years to be as follows:

SALARIES.	
Dr. Ernst	$3,000
Prof. Schmidt	2,400
Prof. Doermann	2,400
Prof. Kroenig	2,000
Fifth Professor	1,600
Total for salaries	$11,400

MISCELLANEOUS.	
Insurance	$180
Repairs	1,000
Janitor's fee	600
Telephone	96
Fuel	700
Library	100
Total miscellaneous	$2,676
Grand total of expense for two years	$14,076

2. Estimating the income of this Institution by that of the past two years, $2,300, leaves a balance of $11,776.

3. We, therefore, recommend that the sum of $11,776 be appropriated to meet the expense of this school for the next two years.

4. We recommend, that when another Professor is called for this school, a man be called who is competent to give instruction in music, and thus save the $200 per annum asked for this purpose.

III. St. PAUL'S SEMINARY AND PROSEMINARY, HICKORY, N. C. (See p. 24.)

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

1. Estimating the expense of this Institution for the next two years to be as follows:

SALARIES.

Prof. Spielmann, exclusive of residence	$2,000
Prof. Barb	1,300
Total for salaries	$3,300

MISCELLANEOUS.

Library	$100
Third Professor	900
Fuel	90
Sundries	50
Special repairs	500
Total miscellaneous	$1,640
Grand total of expense for two years	$4,940

2. Estimating the income of this Institution by that of the past two years, $300, leaves a balance of $4,640.

3. We recommend that the salary of Prof. Barb be increased $150 per annum.

4. Therefore we recommend that the sum of $4,940 be appropriated to this Institution for the next two years.

IV. PACIFIC EV. LUTH. SEMINARY OF OLYMPIA, WASHINGTON. (See p. 27.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

1. Estimating the expense of this Institution for the next two years as follows:

SALARIES.

Dr. Ackermann	$2,400
Prof. Hohberger, exclusive of residence	2,000
Total for salaries	$4,400

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fuel	$200
Janitor	75
Library	100
Sundries	200
Total miscellaneous	$575
Total expense for two years	$4,975

2. Estimating the income of this Institution for the period of two years at $1,400.

3. Therefore, we recommend that the sum of $3,575 be granted this school for the next two years.

V. NORMAL SCHOOL, WOODVILLE, OHIO. (See p. 32.)

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

A.) 1. Estimating the expense of this school, for the next two years, to be as follows:

SALARIES.

Dir. Hemminghaus, exclusive of residence	$2,400
Prof. Trapp	2,000
Prof. Robinson	2,000
Fourth Professor	1,600
Training Teacher	100
Total for salaries	$8,100

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fuel	$500
Janitor fee	550
Repairs	300
Fire escape	300
Insurance	50
Music	100
Library	100
Total miscellaneous	$1,900
Grand total expense for two years	$10,000

2. Estimating income of this Institution by that of the past two years, $2,700, leaves a balance of $7,300.

3. Therefore, we recommend that the sum of $7,300 be appropriated for this Institution for the next two years.

B.) That the Board, with the General President, be authorized to make all necessary provisions for the accommodation of the students.

VI. WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME, RICHMOND, IND. (See pp. 38, 39.)

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

1. Estimating the expenses of the Wernle Orphans' Home for the next two years to be as follows:

SALARIES.

Housefather, exclusive of residence	$1,200
Teacher, exclusive of residence	1,200
Assistant Teacher, exclusive of residence	720
Farmer	720
Domestics	556
Total salaries	$4,396
Household	$6,500

2. *Resolved,* That we appropriate $250 for building a shed and crib, and in case a temporary out house be needed, $50.00 be appropriated.

3. *Resolved,* That we appropriate a total of $11,196 for this Institution for the next two years.

VII. HOME FOR THE AGED, AT MARS, PA. (See p. 42.)

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

Resolved, That for the expenses of this Home for the next two years we appropriate $3,600, viz., $3,000 for household expenses, and $600 for the services of two Deaconesses.

VIII. HOME FOR ORPHANS, AT MARS, PA.

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

Resolved, That for the expenses of this Orphanage we appropriate $2,400 for the next two years, viz., for household expenses, $2,100, for service of one, Deaconess, $300.

In connection with these appropriations, the General President made the statement, that each institution should exercise the strictest economy in the administration of its funds; yet it is true, that emergencies may arise when a board would be justified in overstepping its appropriations. The following resolution was then adopted: *Resolved,* That whenever the expenditures of any institution for a biennium exceed its appropriations, its Board be held to report the amount at the next meeting of Synod.

IX. REGULATION OF SALARIES.

Report of the Preliminary Committee as Adopted by Synod.

We move

1. That the schedule adopted by Synod for the fixing and increasing of professors' salaries be taken into reconsideration.
2. That for the present the salaries of all professors now in office remain as given in above appropriations;
3. That the fixing of the salaries of new professors to be called before the next convention of synod be left to the respective boards and the General President.
4. That the General President and the presidents of the various boards of our educational institutions form a committee to report at next convention of Joint Synod on the regulation of professors' salaries.

VARIA.

A. THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS. (See pp. 3-9.)

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted.

The address of the Honorable President is so full of forcible, instructive and practical thoughts and hints, that every layman, teacher and pastor among us will do well to study it thoroughly

and take its lessons to heart. Our synodical work that we do in common, the life and activity in our congregations, and the work and endeavors of each individual teacher and pastor would thereby be furthered and given a new impetus. For if we are honest, each one must confess with our Honorable President that we are deficient and weak in many ways, and are in great need of encouragement and strength. At the same time we would request the Honorable President to furnish our synodical periodicals with frequent contributions out of the great fund of his experience; for God, the Lord of the Church, has endowed him with special gift, and his words will always meet with a loving and respectful reception on the part of his readers.

B. THE IOWA-OHIO COLLOQUIUM. (See pp. 9-11.)

Report of Preliminary Committee.

1. We note, that, with the exception of one District, which could not agree to one particular item, all the Districts have adopted the Toledo Theses by a majority vote.

2. Until we are informed officially by the Iowa Synod as to the relations sustained by the Iowa Synod toward the General Council, we are not able to establish church fellowship with that Synod.

3. As to the erection of opposition altars and interference with others in the work of missions, our endeavor has always been to avoid everything of the kind, a rule which we shall also observe in the future.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item 1. Adopted. Regarding Item 2. Some were of the opinion that the Iowa Synod, as a Synod, stood in pulpit and altar fellowship with the General Council, while others disclaimed this. In order to obtain clearness in this matter, Item 2 was adopted. With this difficulty removed, it was asked whether a union with Iowa would follow? To this it was replied: not necessarily. The Revs. W. E. Schramm and W. E. Schuette desire their names recorded as voting against Item 2.

Item 3 adopted.

C. REQUEST OF THE BRETHREN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

1. The Ev. Luth. Synod in S. Australia, consisting of three pastors, eleven congregations and 1,100 communicants, whose agreement with us in doctrine and practice is vouched for by the theological faculty of Columbus, O., makes application to be received into our Synod. We move that the application be granted, and the Australian Synod be made a district of Joint Synod, on the condition that representation shall not be required for the present owing to distance.

2. In regard to the traveling expenses of Rev. Hass to Australia, which amounted to $1,300, Rev. H. Meyer, who was authorized to collect the sum, reports that he has not been able to do so and that $1,100 still remain unpaid. He requests Synod to assume the debt. We move that his request be granted, and that the amount be paid out of the synodical treasury. The Synodical Treasurer is herewith empowered, if necessary, to make a levy on the several Districts for this purpose.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

Item 1 was adopted with the statement, that we have at present three students at our St. Paul Seminary from Australia.

Item 2 adopted after the necessary explanation was given.

D. TIME OF MEETING OF THE DISTRICTS.

Report of Preliminary Committee as Adopted.

Texas, May 1-15.
Kansas and Nebraska, May 15-30.
Washington, June 1-15.
Minnesota, June 15-30.
Wisconsin, July 1-15.
Concordia, September 1-15.
Eastern, September 15-30.
Northern, from the first Wednesday in October.
Western, from the second Thursday in October.
First English, from the third Wednesday in October.

E. ELECTION PRECINCTS.

Report of the Preliminary Committee.

In reply to the question of the Western District, whether the names of any pastors out of office shall be inserted in the lists of voting precincts, we move the following:

That it is evidently the sense and intent of the constitution of Synod that only pastors in active service and parishes shall constitute the voting precincts, and therefore the precincts shall be made up only of such pastors and congregations.

ACTION OF SYNOD ON THE SAME.

After a lengthy discussion, this question was referred to the Several Districts for consideration.

In this connection, Rev. E. A. Boehme was appointed to prepare an article for the "Zeitblaetter" regarding this matter with particular reference to the historical development of this question.

F. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EQUALIZATION OF TRAVELING EXPENSES.

Total amount of expenses, 90 delegates		$2,171 76
Average fare		24 15
Received from delegates		501 62
Paid to delegates	$489 71	
Paid for Receipt Book	05	
		489 76
Balance on hand		$11 86

Resolved, That the balance of $11.86 be paid into the Synodical Treasury.

G. CANADA DISTRICT.

Item 5 under Varia of Jt. Synod minutes for 1906, page 116, which was laid on the table for two years and recommends the formation of a new District in Canada, was taken up for consideration and adopted.

H. ELECTIONS.

The nominations proposed by the District Presidents, with few changes, were ratified by Synod.

The election took place at the fixed time.

The Election Committee consisted of Revs. A. Scheffler, W. Kerl and Mr. Wm. C. Windisch.

Resolved, That the Vice President receiving the highest number of votes shall be the first Vice President.

Resolved, That whenever two or more men are to be elected for different terms the one having the greater number of votes shall serve for the longer term.

Dr. H. Ernst, having refused to accept the office of first Vice President, Rev. E. A. Boehme was appointed for this position.

The election, which took place according to the regulations of Synod, resulted as follows:

OFFICERS OF SYNOD.

Officers of Synod. — President, Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., Columbus, Ohio. Eastern Vice-President, Rev. E. A. Boehme, Youngstown, Ohio. Western Vice-President, Prof. H. Ernst, D. D., St. Paul, Minn. German Secretary, Rev. W. D. Ahl, Oshkosh, Wis. English Secretary, Rev. W. H. Price, Detroit, Mich. Synodical Treasurer, Mr. C. Nagel, Springfield, Ohio. General Institution Treasurer, Mr. F. J. Heer, Columbus, Ohio.

Editors of Kirchenzeitung. — Editor-in-Chief, Rev. R. C. H. Lenski, Anna, Ohio; Missionary Editor, Rev. J. H. Schneider, Columbus, Ohio; News Editor, Rev. C. C. Hein, Columbus, Ohio; Home Circle Editor, Prof. Wm. Schmidt, St. Paul, Minn.

Editors of Lutheran Standard. — Editor-in-Chief, Rev. W. E. Schuette, Toledo, Ohio; Missionary Editor, Prof. E. Pfeiffer, Columbus, Ohio; News Editor, Rev. C. W. Bachman, Columbus, Ohio; Home Circle Editor, Rev. G. W. Lose, Columbus, Ohio.

Editor of Theologische Zeitblaetter. — Prof. F. W. Stellhorn, D. D., Columbus, Ohio.

Editor of Theological Magazine. — Prof. H. K. G. Doermann, St. Paul, Minn.

Editor of Kindesfreude. — Rev. J. F. C. Soller, Youngstown, Ohio.

Editor of Little Missionary. — Rev. W. Lehmann, Bellevue, Ohio.

Editor of Little Missionary. — Rev. W. H. Lehmann, Bellevue, Ohio.

Editor of Child's Paper. — Rev. G. W. Lose, Columbus, Ohio.

Board of Administration.—Mr. J. M. Snyder, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. J. Kohl, Columbus, Ohio.

Auditing Committee. (Elect 2 for 2 years.)—Prof. G. K. Leonard, Columbus, Ohio; Prof. S. A. Singer, Columbus, Ohio.

Treasurer for Foreign Missions. (Elect 1 for 2 years.)—Rev. A. W. Werder, Wheeling, W. Va.

Theological Seminary, Columbus, Ohio. (Elect 4 for 6 years, 2 pastors, 2 laymen.)—Rev. M. C. Hecht, Dayton, Ohio; Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff, Permberville, Ohio; Mr. C. Nagel, Springfield, Ohio; Mr. J. H. Stellhorn, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minn. (Elect 2 pastors and 1 layman for 4 years.)—Rev. H. A. Allwardt, D. D., Lebanon, Wis.; Rev. George Diemer, Brownton, Minn.; Mr. H. Baumann, St. Paul, Minn.

Lutheran Normal School, Woodville, Ohio. (Elect 1 pastor for 4 years and 1 for 2 years; 1 teacher and 1 layman for 4 years.)—Rev. A. G. Bergener, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. Theo. Stellhorn, Sandusky, Ohio; Teacher, J. J. Ballmer, Oak Harbor, Ohio; Mr. B. Otten Woodville, Ohio; Mr. A. H. Dornbirer, Columbus, Ohio.

St. Paul's Academy, Hickory, N. C. (Elect 2 pastors for 4 years, 1 pastor for 2 years, and 2 laymen for 4 years.)—Rev. W. E. Schramm, Allegheny, Pa.; Rev. J. M. Senter, Dallas, N. C.; Rev. F. W. Rohlfing, Baltimore, Md.; Mr. S. M. Hamrick, Hickory, N. C.; Mr. A. Huffmann, Hickory, N. C.

Wernle Orphans' Home, Richmond, Ind. (Elect 1 pastor and 2 laymen for 6 years.)—Rev. M. L. Baum, Dayton, Ohio; Mr. J. Schultz, Richmond, Ind.; Mr. Geo. Hagelberger, Anna, Ohio.

Pacific Seminary, Olympia, Wash. (Elect 2 pastors and 1 layman for 4 years.)—Rev. G. Pauschert, Spokane, Wash.; Rev. Luther Feeger, Georgetown, Wash.; Mr. H. J. Frase, Lacy, Wash.

Orphanage and Home for Aged, Mars, Pa. (Elect 1 pastor and 1 layman for 6 years.)—Rev. H. J. Reimann, Oil City, Pa.; Mr. Christ Zies, Allegheny, Pa.

Board of Publication. (Elect 2 pastors and 1 layman for 6 years.)—Rev. C. C. Hein, Columbus, Ohio; Rev. J. Sheatsley, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. E. V. Swickheimer, Delaware, Ohio.

Board of Home Missions. (Elect 1 pastor for 6 years.)—Rev. Wm. Stellhorn, Marion, Ohio.

Board of Colored Missions. (Elect 1 pastor for 6 years.)—Rev. O. C. Mees, Baltimore, Md.

Board of Aids. (Elect 1 pastor, 1 teacher and 1 layman for 4 years.)—Rev. F. W. Helle, Fostoria, Ohio; Teacher H. Zimmerman, Pemberville, Ohio; Mr. John Niemann, Woodville, Ohio.

Statistician.—Rev. W. H. Price, Detroit, Mich.

N. B.—The candidates elected are arranged according to the number of votes which they received.

OTHER RESOLUTIONS AND BUSINESS.

1. Regarding the credentials of Mr. A. C. Ganger of Allegheny, Pa., who, instead of the regular delegate and his alternate elected by the English District, was elected after the meeting of the English District by the respective precinct and ratified by the President of said District, it was resolved, that Mr. Ganger under the circumstances, by way of exception, be entitled to seat and vote.

2. The following reporters were appointed: For the English papers, Prof. V. Schmitt and Rev. E. Poppen, and for the "Gegenwart," Prof. W. Schmidt.

3. The fixed time for session was from 8:30 to 11:30 A. M., and from 2 to 5 P. M.

4. *Resolved*, That the secretaries decide as to the number of German and English minutes to be published.

5. *Resolved*, That we extend our sincere thanks to Rev. Theo. Marth and his congregation for the courtesy and kindness shown the delegates during this session of Synod, also to the Young People's Society for the reception given in honor of the Synod, and that the pastor loci announce the same to his congregation.

6. *Resolved*, That the Honorable President be authorized to extend to the Zion's congregation, in whose midst we are assembled, the congratulations and good wishes of Synod at their twenty-fifth anniversary.

7. *Resolved*, That we extend a vote of thanks to our secretaries for their faithful service, and that each be given $25.00 for their labors.

8. *Resolved*, That the kind invitation of St. John's congregation at Richmond, Ind., to hold the next meeting of Joint Synod in their midst be accepted with thanks.

After Synod had completed its business, adjournment took place according to form in our liturgy.

The correctness of these minutes is attested by

C. H. L. SCHUETTE, *President.*

WM. H. PRICE, *English Secretary.*

W. D. AHL, *German Secretary.*

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND STANDING COMMITTEES OF SYNOD WITH TIME OF SERVICE.

SYNODICAL OFFICERS.

President .....Rev. C. H. L. Schuette, D. D., Columbus, Ohio
Vice-President, First.....Rev. E. A. Boehme, Youngstown, Ohio
Vice-President, Second.....Prof. H. Ernst, D. D., St. Paul, Minn.
German Secretary.....Rev. W. D. Ahl, Oshkosh, Wis.
English Secretary.....Rev. Wm. H. Price Detroit, Mich.
Treasurer.....Mr. C. Nagel, Springfield, Ohio

GENERAL INSTITUTION TREASURER.

Mr. Fred J. Heer, 55-59 E. Main St., Columbus, Ohio.

AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Prof. G. K. Leonard and Prof. S. A. Singer.

TREASURER OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Rev. A. W. Werder, Wheeling, W. Va.

BOARD OF ADMINISTRATION.

Mr. J. M. Snyder, Columbus, Ohio..... 1912
Mr. J. Kohl, Columbus, Ohio..... 1912
Mr. M. Hensel, Columbus, Ohio..... 1910
Mr. C. Nagel, Springfield, Ohio..... 1910
Dr. C. H. L. Schuette, ex-officio.....

THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY BOARD, COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Rev. M. C. Hecht.....	1914	Rev. R. C. H. Lenski.....	1910
Rev. E. H. D. Winterhoff.	1914	Rev. E. A. Boehme.....	1910
Rev. E. Cronenwett, D. D..	1912	Mr. C. Nagel.....	1914
Rev. L. H. Burry.....	1912	Mr. J. H. Stellhorn.....	1914
Rev. C. F. W. Allwardt....	1912	Mr. P. Herrnstein.....	1910
Rev. W. E. Schuette.....	1912	Dr. H. Busch.....	1910

BOARD LUTHER SEMINARY, ST. PAUL, MINN.

Rev. H. A. Allwardt, D. D.	1912	Teacher H. Baumann.....	1912
Rev. Geo. Diemer.....	1912	Mr. C. Burkhardt.....	1910
Rev. H. Eisenbach.....	1910	Mr. W. J. Pomplun.....	1910
Rev. F. Ohlrogge.....	1910		

BOARD OF NORMAL SCHOOL, WOODVILLE, OHIO.

Rev. A. G. Bergener.....	1912	Teacher J. J. Ballmer.....	1912
Rev. Theo. Stellhorn.....	1910	Teacher Geo. Konrad.....	1910
Rev. C. Langendorff.....	1910	Mr. B. Otten.....	1912
Mr. A. H. Dornbirer.....	1912	Mr. H. Fuehrmann.....	1910

BOARD OF HICKORY SCHOOL, HICKORY, N. C.

Rev. W. E. Schramm.....	1912	Mr. S. M. Hamrick.....	1912
Rev. J. M. Senter.....	1912	Mr. G. W. Huffmann.....	1912
Rev. F. W. Rohlfing.....	1910	Mr. N. S. Dasher.....	1910
Rev. C. B. Gohdes.....	1910		

BOARD OF THE PACIFIC SEMINARY, OLYMPIA, WASH.

Rev. G. Pauschert.....	1912	Mr. H. J. Frase.....	1912
Rev. L. Feeger.....	1912	Mr. C. Hellmann.....	1910
Rev. P. Groschupf.....	1910	Mr. L. Wellsandt.....	1910
Rev. G. Finke.....	1910		

BOARD OF WERNLE ORPHANS' HOME, RICHMOND, IND.

Rev. M. L. Baum.....	1914	Mr. J. Schultz.....	1914
Rev. A. J. Feeger.....	1912	Mr. G. Hagelberger.....	1914
Rev. J. Beck.....	1910	Mr. F. Rogge.....	1912
Rev. W. F. Helle.....	1910	Mr. E. Schlingmann.....	1912

BOARD OF ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN HOME, MARS, PA.

Rev. H. J. Reimann.....	1914	Mr. Chr. Zies.....	1914
Rev. H. J. Schuh.....	1912	Mr. H. J. Troutmann.....	1912
Rev. E. F. A. Dittmer.....	1910	Mr. F. H. Hespenheide.....	1910

PUBLICATION BOARD.

Rev. C. C. Hein.....	1914	Mr. E. V. Swickheimer.....	1914
Rev. J. Sheatsley.....	1914	Mr. Luther Loy.....	1912
Prof. F. W. Stellhorn, D. D.	1912	Mr. Wm. C. Windisch.....	1912
Prof. E. Pfeiffer.....	1910	Teacher L. R. Riedel.....	1910
Rev. H. P. Dannecker.....	1910		

BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. Wm. Stellhorn.....	1914	Rev. P. F. H. Hein.....	1910
Rev. R. E. Golladay.....	1912	Rev. J. H. Schneider.....	1910
Rev. D. P. Ebert.....	1912		

BOARD OF NEGRO MISSIONS.

Rev. O. C. Mees.....	1914	Hon. J. J. Dobler.....	1912
Rev. J. E. A. Doermann...	1912	Mr. A. G. Snyder.....	1910
Rev. J. F. Mueller.....	1910		
Rev. D. E. Snapp.....			

BOARD OF AIDS.

Rev. F. W. Helle.....	1912	Teacher C. Vogel.....	1910
Rev. C. H. Althoff.....	1910	Mr. John Niemann.....	1912
Rev. G. Mochel.....	1910	Mr. K. Mueller.....	1910
Teacher H. Zimmermann...	1912		

COMMITTEE ON JEWISH MISSIONS.

Chairman, President of the Eastern District, Rev. O. S. Oglesby, and Mr. Adolf Braun.

STATISTICIAN.

Rev. W. H. Price.

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